

Nursing License
(Abbreviated Licensing Guide for New Graduates of Nursing Schools
Located in the United States)

Given the current COVID-19 pandemic and national and state declarations of emergency, Governor Whitmer and LARA Director Orlene Hawks recognize the critical need for nursing students who have completed program requirements to be licensed as quickly as possible. This information is being provided to Michigan higher education institutions and stakeholders so it can be shared with students who have successfully completed the nursing program, will soon be graduating, and are ready for licensure.

Please be aware of the following instructions as it is important that applicants submit completed applications with the necessary information for LARA to expeditiously issue licenses.

Application:

- Online application can be completed by visiting www.michigan.gov/miplus.

Application and License Fee:

- RN or LPN \$208.80.
- RN Specialty Certification: \$40.55 or \$55.45 (Valid for up to 1 to 2 year(s) from date issued).

Required Information:

- Social Security Number.
- Name of School Attended and Educational Program Completed.
- School Provides:
 - Michigan Nursing School Certification Form provided directly to BPL from the school and emailed to BPL-NurseCert@Michigan.gov. The **Nursing Program Completion Date** field is the date that BPL uses to qualify the student to take the NCLEX. This date is typically different from the graduation date for most schools.
 - Transcripts/Certification - Official Transcripts OR the Michigan Nursing School Certification Form, if applicable, submitted directly to BPL from the nursing school attended.
 - [Michigan Nursing School Certification Form](#)
- Passing NCLEX-RN or NCLEX-LPN Examination Scores – Score reports will be received directly to BPL from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN).

Background Check and Good Moral Character requirements:

- Applicants for licensure must attest that they are of Good Moral Character

- Criminal Background Check – Once the online application is completed and submitted applicant will be emailed an Application Confirmation letter containing instructions to complete the Criminal Background Check.

Additional Information:

Please submit information to the Bureau of Professional Licensing to bpldata@michigan.gov

- Note in the Subject line: Nursing Application Information.

More detailed licensing application checklist can be found at the following link:

- Nursing: https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Nursing_517651_7.pdf

NOTE: Students who have completed the nursing program may apply now so long as the school provides the letter of referencing the date of completion of the program to BPL and in doing so, BPL can approve the student to take the NCLEX. This will allow a student to schedule the test date and obtain the information from BPL to get fingerprints.

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