

Nurse, Licensed Practical (LPN)

Perform selected services in the care of ill, injured, convalescent, and handicapped persons. Work in hospitals, clinics, private homes, sanitariums, and similar institutions. Carry out activities under the direction of a physician, advanced practice nurse, dentist or a registered professional nurse. This practice requires basic knowledge and skill acquired in an accredited school or program of practical nursing or comparable educational experience, that has been completed in New Hampshire.

Legislation

Statute: NH RSA 326-B
 Administrative Rules: Chapter Nur 100 - 800

Licensure Requirements

- Provide written evidence of good professional character and good physical and mental health
- Ability to read and write the English language
- Be a graduate of an approved program in practical nursing or demonstrate comparable education
- Applicants for initial permanent licensure or endorsement must submit a notarized criminal history record release form along with a complete set of fingerprints taken by a qualified law enforcement agency or authorized employee of the New Hampshire Department of Safety
- To continue or re-enter practice, validate 400 hours active-in-practice within four years prior to application
- Foreign educated nurses have very different requirements which are available at: <https://www.oplc.nh.gov/board-nursing-forms-and-other-documents>

Regulatory Agency

New Hampshire Board of Nursing

Office of Professional Licensing and Certification
 7 Eagle Square
 Concord, New Hampshire 03301

phone (603) 271-2152
web <www.oplc.nh.gov/new-hampshire-board-nursing>
contact Licensing
e-mail nursing@oplc.nh.gov

Examination

Written examination required

Continuing Education

Thirty hours of workshops, conferences, lectures, or in-service educational offerings per renewal period, designed to enhance nursing knowledge, judgement, and skills

Reciprocity

The Nurse Licensure Compact allows nurses to have one multistate license, with the ability to practice in both their home state and other party states. You must apply for multi-state license in the state in which you reside. Single-state status occurs with discipline on license, not meeting another compact state's requirement for multi-state license and with comparable education licensing or if not a resident of New Hampshire

Fees

NCLEX Examination	\$200.00
Initial licensure	\$120.00
Endorsement	\$120.00
Reinstatement	\$120.00
Biennial renewal	\$80.00
Temporary licensure	\$20.00
Combined FBI and New Hampshire State Police Criminal Record Check-Including fingerprints	\$48.25

O*Net Codes

29-2061.00 Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses

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Active Licenses

3,102

Related Training

Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training

Additional Information Sources

National Council of State Boards of Nursing
<www.ncsbn.org>

New Hampshire Nurse's Association
<www.nhnurses.org>