HIRAM COLLEGE

Hiram College Nursing Program Licensure Requirements

Registered Nurse Professional Licensure Requirements

Uniform Licensing Requirements

from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN)

Uniform Licensure Requirements (ULRs) are the essential prerequisites for initial, endorsement, renewal and reinstatement licensure needed across every NCSBN jurisdiction to ensure the safe and competent practice of nursing. ULRs protect the public by setting consistent standards and promoting a health care system that is fluid and accessible by removing barriers to care and maximizing portability for nurses. They also assure the consumer that a nurse in one state has met the requirements of the nurses in every other state. ULRs support the fact that the expectations for the education of a nurse and the responsibilities of a nurse are the same throughout every NCSBN member board jurisdiction in the United States. Source: https://www.ncsbn.org/nursing-regulation/licensure/uniform-licensure-requirements.page

NCSBN Uniform Licensure Requirements, Domestic Candidates (2011)

Applicant Responsibility	Board Responsibility
1. Nursing Education Requirements RN:	
Graduation or eligibility for graduation from a Member Board approved RN prelicensure program.*	Verification of graduation or eligibility for graduation from a Member Board approved prelicensure RN program.
2.A Nursing Education Requirements: LPN/VN	
• Graduation or eligibility for graduation from a Member Board approved LPN/VN prelicensure program.* • Graduates from RN prelicensure programs who wish to take the NCLEX-PN® must have successfully completed a Member Board approved LPN/VN role delineation course.	Verification of graduation or eligibility for graduation from a Member Board approved LPN/VN prelicensure program.
5.A NCLEX Requirements	
Successful completion of the NCLEX-RN or NCLEX-PN exam.	Verification that applicant successfully completed NCLEX-RN or NCLEX-PN exam.
7.A Additional Public Protection Requirements: Criminal Background Check	
• Self disclosure of all misdemeanors, felonies, and plea agreements (even if adjudication was withheld). • Submit state and federal finger print checks.	• Assessment of all misdemeanors, felonies and plea agreements (even if adjudication was withheld) of all individuals applying for licensure on a case by case basis to determine board action. • Require psychological evaluation for all individuals convicted of a sexual offense

	involving a minor or performing a sexual act against the will of another person. This evaluation should be performed by a qualified expert approved by the board. If the evaluation identifies sexual behaviors of a predatory nature the board of nursing should deny licensure.
8.A Additional Public Protection Requirements: Substance Use Disorders	
Self-disclosure of any substance use disorder in the last 5 years.	Require a substance use disorder evaluation to verify the applicant is capable of practicing nursing safely.
9.A Additional Public Protection Requirements: Other licenses, certifications, registrations	
Self-disclosure of any actions taken or initiated against a professional or occupational license, registration or certification.	Assessment of any actions taken or initiated against a professional or occupational license, registration or certification and consideration of the individual's ability to practice nursing safely.

*Member Board approved also applies to states in which the nursing program approval is done through another state agency such as the Commission on Higher Learning.

State Licensure Requirements (Outside Ohio)

Hiram BSN graduates can apply to take the national NCLEX exam in any state and territories of the United States, upon successful completion of the BSN program. Guidelines for the application process to take the national NCLEX exam may vary by state. Go to the Nurse Licensure Guidance Page at the Board of Nursing website (see link below for NCSNB), for a specific state to find the instructions for RN license application for nursing student graduates.

https://www.ncsbn.org/nursing-regulation/licensure/nurse-licensure-guidance.page