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APPLICATIONS FOR **LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION** BY
GRADUATES OF NONTRADITIONAL NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM

LPN applicants for Licensure by Examination

TYPE # 1 LPN: LPN Applicant meets **all** statutory requirements for licensure

OCGA § 43-26-7 (b) (2) **(B) (ii) (I)** [see SB 100, line 60 through 91]

If applicant is a

graduate of a NON TRADITIONAL (NT) approved nursing education program
[as defined in paragraph (e) of OCGA § 43-26-7]

AND

Entered the NT nursing education program **as a LPN**;

AND

LPN had LPN education that included **clinical training** in: pediatrics and
obstetrics & gynecology and
medical – surgical and
mental illness

AND

Before the date of application for licensure had at least:

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE: 2 years within 5 years preceding date of application

WHERE: in an acute care inpatient facility

OR

long term acute care facility

DOCUMENTATION: clinical experience must be **documented** in writing

by applicant's **immediate supervisor** and must

Contain statements that, in supervisor's opinion, applicant has the

- critical thinking abilities
- clinical skills
- leadership abilities

that indicate ability to work as a RN

THEN, if LPN applicant meets **ALL** of the above and all other requirements for licensure, may approve to sit for NCLEX-RN

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MILITARY MEDICAL CORPSMAN (MMC)

Applicant for Licensure by Examination

See OCGA § 43-26-7 (b) (2) (B) (ii) (IV) [SB 100, lines 108 through 130]

If applicant is a

graduate of a Non Traditional (NT) approved nursing education program
[as defined in paragraph (e) of OCGA § 43-26-7]

AND

Entered the NT nursing education program as a

Military Medical Corpsman (MMC)

AND

MMC has at least **2 years of experience** as a MMC

NOTE: law is silent as to **when** MMC got 2 years experience as a MMC [before or after entering NT nursing education program or before or after date of application.] Law is also silent as to setting/facility **where** MMC got 2 years experience

THEN

MMC must complete **before licensure:**

Postgraduate preceptorship of **AT LEAST 480** hours but **NOT MORE THAN 640** hours,
as determined by the Board

**NOTE: ALL PRECEPTORSHIPS FOR NT LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION MUST
COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS STATED IN SB 100, LINES 131-149**

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PARAMEDIC Applicants for Licensure by Examination

See OCGA § 43-26-7 (b) (2) (B) (ii) (III) [SB 100 lines 92-94 and 99-107]

If applicant is a

graduate of a Non Traditional (NT) approved nursing education program
[as defined in paragraph (e) of OCGA § 43-26-7]

AND

Entered the NT nursing education program as a

Paramedic (PM)

With at least 2 years of experience as a Paramedic **before entering the NT program**

THEN

Applicant must complete **before licensure**:

480 hour postgraduate preceptorship that meets the requirements stated in SB 100, lines 99 - 107. Preceptorship shall be in the area or areas determined by the Board **on a case by case basis** which may include pediatrics, obstetrics & gynecology, medical – surgical, mental illness and transition into the role of a RN.

ALL PRECEPTORSHIPS FOR NT LIC BY EXAM APPLICANTS MUST COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS STATED IN SB 100, LINES 131-149.

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APPLICANTS FOR **LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION** WHO ARE GRADUATES OF NONTRADITIONAL NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAMS

“CATCH ALL” OR “ALL OTHER APPLICANTS” WHO DID **NOT** ENTER NT PROGRAM AS A
LPN
MILITARY MEDICAL CORPSMAN
PARAMEDIC

OR WHO DO **NOT QUALIFY UNDER ANY OTHER PROVISION** FOR NT APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION IN OCGA § 43-26-7 (b) (2) (B)

See OCGA § 43-26-7 (b) (2) (B) (ii) (V) [SB 100. lines 113 through 130]

If applicant is a

graduate of a NT approved nursing education program [as defined in paragraph (e) of OCGA § 43-26-7]

AND

Applicant **DOES NOT MEET** the requirements for licensure by examination found in of OCGA § 43-26-7 (b) (2) (B) (ii) (I) (II) (III) or (IV)
[which means that the NT graduate **cannot qualify under ANY OTHER provision for NT graduates** applying for licensure by examination]

AND

Applicant **ENTERED** the NT nursing education program
before July 1, 2008

AND

Completed the NT nursing education program **before** (no later than) **June 30, 2015,**

THEN

Applicant must complete **before licensure:**

640 hour postgraduate preceptorship arranged by the applicant, supervised by a RN, approved by the Board with successful completion verified in writing by preceptor

WHERE: in an acute care facility OR long term acute care facility **BUT** Board **may** authorize preceptorship in other facilities to get specialized experience in certain areas.

See SB 100, lines 116 – 130.

NOTE: ALL PRECEPTORSHIPS FOR NT LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION MUST COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS STATED IN SB 100, LINES 131 – 149.

CHANGES MADE BY SB 100 TO OCGA § 43-26-7 (b) (2) (B)

**LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION
FOR NON TRADITIONAL (“NT”) NURSING PROGRAM APPLICANTS**

PRECEPTORSHIPS:

STATUTORY STANDARDS FOR ALL PRECEPTORSHIPS REQUIRED FOR NT APPLICANTS APPLYING FOR LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION

SB 100, lines 131 through 149:

All preceptorships required pursuant to this division shall be arranged by the applicant under the close supervision of a registered professional nurse where such applicant is transitioned into the role of a registered professional nurse and the applicant performs duties typically performed by registered professional nurses. Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (II) of this division, a preceptorship shall be in an acute care inpatient facility or a long-term acute care facility; provided, however, that the board may authorize a preceptorship in other facilities to obtain specialized experience in certain areas. The preceptorship shall have prior approval of the board, and successful completion of the preceptorship shall be documented in writing by the preceptor stating that, in his or her opinion, the applicant has exhibited the critical thinking abilities, clinical skills, and leadership abilities necessary to practice as a beginning registered professional nurse. No later than August 1, 2011, the board shall develop and make available one or more standard forms for use by and assistance to applicants in securing and completing preceptorships. Such form or forms shall include information relating to the specific requirements for preceptorships, including the minimum qualifications of the preceptor, the type of training required, and the documentation required upon completion of the preceptorships. The board shall make the determinations required by this division in accordance with its established guidelines.

NOTE: Underlining added for emphasis.

**NEW DEFINITION OF
“NONTRADITIONAL NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM”:**

See SB 100, lines 232 through 246:

(e) A nontraditional nursing education program shall meet the following requirements:

- (1) Is part of an institution of higher learning that is approved by the appropriate regulatory authorities of its home state;**
- (2) Holds regional and specialty accreditation by an accrediting body or bodies recognized by the United States Secretary of Education or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation;**
- (3) Requires its students to pass faculty determined program outcomes, including competency based assessments of nursing knowledge and a summative performance assessment of clinical competency of a minimum of 2 ½ days developed by faculty subject matter experts that follows nationally recognized standards for educational testing; and**
- (4) Its graduates pass a board recognized licensing examination at a rate equivalent to the minimum rate required for board approved traditional nursing education programs.**

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REQUIRED SETTING FOR RN EXPERIENCE OF NT GRADUATES TO QUALIFY FOR LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT

See OCGA § 43-26-7 (c) (4) subparagraphs (B) and (C) [see also SB 100, lines 180- 221]

Definition of “health care facility”

SB 100, lines 217 through 221:

For purposes of this paragraph, the term “**health care facility**” means
an acute care inpatient facility,
a long term acute care facility,
an ambulatory surgical center or obstetrical facility as defined in Code Section 31-6-2,
and a skilled nursing facility so long as such skilled nursing care facility has
100 beds or more
and
provides health care to patients with similar health care needs as those patients in
a long term care acute care facility

OCGA § 31-6-2:

- (1) “Ambulatory surgical center or obstetrical facility” means a public or private facility, not a part of a hospital, which provides surgical or obstetrical treatment performed under general or regional anesthesia in an operation room environment to patients not requiring hospitalization.

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LPN applicants for Licensure by Endorsement

TYPE “A” LPN: LPN NT applicant meets **all** statutory requirements for licensure by endorsement as NT graduate

OCGA § 43-26-7 (c) (4) **(B)** [see SB 100 lines 180 - 185]

If applicant is a

graduate of NON TRADITIONAL: (NT) nursing education program
[as defined in paragraph (e) of OCGA § 43-26-7]

AND

Entered the NT nursing education program **as a LPN**

AND

LPN had LPN education that included **clinical training** in: pediatrics and
obstetrics & gynecology and
medical – surgical and
mental illness

AND

Before the **date of application**, LPN applicant had practicing **experience as a RN** that is at least:

RN CLINICAL EXPERIENCE: 1 year in the 3 years preceding date of application
WHERE: in a “**health care facility**” as defined in SB 100, lines
217 - 221

DOCUMENTATION: such clinical practice is documented by the applicant
AND
approved by the Board

THEN, if LPN applicant meets **ALL** of the above **and** all other requirements for licensure by endorsement,
then may approve for licensure by endorsement

LPN non traditional (NT) applicant for Licensure by Endorsement

TYPE “C” LPN: LPN NT applicant **does NOT have** the required **LPN academic education** including LPN clinical training in pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, medical – surgical, and mental illness,

BUT

the LPN NT applicant **DOES have** the required **RN experience** in a health care facility prior to the date of application as stated in SB 100, lines 196 – 198 and OCGA § 43-26-7 (c) (4) (C)

See OCGA § 43-26-7 (c) (4) **(C)** and SB 100, lines 192 - 198

If applicant is a

graduate of a NT nursing education program [as defined in paragraph (e) of OCGA § 43-26-7]

AND

Entered the NT nursing education program **as a LPN**

AND

LPN NT applicant does NOT have LPN academic education that included clinical training in pediatrics AND obstetrics & gynecology AND medical-surgical AND mental illness

AND

Before the date of application, LPN NT applicant **DOES HAVE** experience as a **practicing RN** of at least:

RN CLINICAL EXPERIENCE: 2 years in the 5 years preceding date of application

WHERE: in a “**health care facility**” defined in SB 100 lines 217-221

DOCUMENTATION: documented by applicant

AND

approved by the Board

THEN, if LPN NT Applicant meets **ALL** of the above **and** all other requirements for licensure by endorsement, then may approve for licensure by endorsement.

LPN non traditional (NT) applicant for Licensure by Endorsement

TYPE “D” LPN: LPN NT applicant **does NOT have** the required **LPN academic education** including LPN clinical training in pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, medical – surgical, and mental illness

AND

LPN NT applicant **does NOT have** the required **RN experience** before the date of application as stated in SB 100, lines 192 – 206.

See OCGA § 43-26-7 (c) (4) (C) [SB 100 lines 192 through 206]

If applicant is a

graduate of a NT nursing education program [as defined in paragraph (e) of OCGA § 43-26-7]

AND

Entered the NT nursing education program **as a LPN**

AND

LPN applicant **DOES NOT HAVE LPN academic education that included clinical training** in:
pediatrics AND obstetrics & gynecology AND medical - surgical AND mental illness

AND

Before the **date of application**, LPN applicant **DOES NOT HAVE** experience as a **practicing RN** of at least

RN CLINICAL EXPERIENCE: **2 years** in the **5 years** preceding the date of application
WHERE: in a “**health care facility**” defined in SB 100 lines 217-221

THEN

Applicant must complete **before licensure**

At least 480 hours but not more than **640 hours** post graduate preceptorship **as determined by the Board** and as stated in SB 100, lines 198 - 206.

Preceptorship must be: arranged by the applicant
under the oversight of a RN
applicant is transitioned into role of RN
preceptorship has prior board approval
successful completion verified in writing by preceptor

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REQUIRED SETTING FOR RN EXPERIENCE OF NT GRADUATES TO QUALIFY FOR LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT

See OCGA § 43-26-7 (c) (4) subparagraphs (B) and (C) [see also SB 100, lines 180- 221]

Definition of “health care facility”

SB 100, lines 217 through 221:

For purposes of this paragraph, the term “**health care facility**” means
an acute care inpatient facility,
a long term acute care facility,
an ambulatory surgical center or obstetrical facility as defined in Code Section 31-6-2,
and a skilled nursing facility so long as such skilled nursing care facility has
100 beds or more
and
provides health care to patients with similar health care needs as those patients in
a long term care acute care facility

OCGA § 31-6-2:

- (1) “Ambulatory surgical center or obstetrical facility” means a public or private facility, not a part of a hospital, which provides surgical or obstetrical treatment performed under general or regional anesthesia in an operation room environment to patients not requiring hospitalization.

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NON LPN applicants for Licensure by Endorsement

“OTHER” TYPE # 1 NT APPLICANT: Applicant for licensure by endorsement is **NOT** a LPN prior to entering a non traditional (NT) nursing education program

BUT

who **DOES** meet the requirements for practicing **RN experience** prior to date of application.

See OCGA § 43-26-7 (c) **(4) (C)** [see also SB 100 lines 192 - 198]

If applicant is a

graduate of a NON TRADITIONAL (NT) nursing education program [as defined in paragraph (e) of OCGA § 43-26-7]

AND

Entered the NT nursing education program **as anything other than a LPN**

NOTE: This applicant group would include paramedics, military medical corpsmen, medical techs, etc.

AND

Before the **date of application**, applicant **DOES HAVE** experience as a **practicing RN** of at least

RN CLINICAL EXPERIENCE: **2 years** in the **5 years** preceding the date of application
WHERE: in a “**health care facility**” defined in SB 100 lines 217-221
DOCUMENTATION: RN experience is documented by applicant
AND
approved by the board

THEN, if applicant meets **ALL** of the above **and** all other requirements for licensure by endorsement, applicant may be issued RN license by endorsement

“OTHER” non traditional (NT) applicant for licensure by endorsement

OTHER TYPE # 2 NT APPLICANT: Applicant for licensure by endorsement is **NOT** a LPN prior to entering a non traditional (NT) nursing education program

AND

DOES NOT meet the requirements for practicing **RN experience** prior to date of application

See OCGA § 43-26-7 (c) (4) **(C)** [see also SB 100 lines 192 – 206]

Applicant is a

graduate of a NT approved nursing education program [as defined in paragraph (e) of OCGA § 43-36-7]

AND

Entered the NT program **as anything other than a LPN**

NOTE: This applicant group would include paramedics, military medical corpsmen, medical techs, etc.

AND

Before the date of application, applicant **DOES NOT HAVE** experience as a **practicing RN** of at least

RN CLINICAL EXPERIENCE: 2 years in the 5 years before the application
WHERE: in a **health care facility** as defined in SB 100, lines 217 – 221

THEN

Applicant must complete **before licensure:**

At least 480 hours but not more than **640 hours** post graduate preceptorship as determined by the Board and as stated in SB 100, lines 198 - 206.

Preceptorship must be: arranged by the applicant
under the oversight of a RN
applicant is transitioned into role of RN
preceptorship has prior board approval
successful completion verified in writing by preceptor