

Georgia Board of Nursing – Licensure By Examination as a Registered Nurse

Applications received on or after January 19, 2018 will be considered for multistate licensure if qualified. If granted, the nurse can then engage in nursing practice in any of the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact states without having to obtain additional licenses. A list of states participating in the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact is available at <https://www.nursecompact.com>. Applicants must meet the following requirements to be considered for a multistate license:

1. Meets Georgia's qualifications for licensure or renewal of licensure, as well as all other applicable state laws;
2. Has graduated from a licensing-board-approved RN or LPN/VN prelicensure education program;

OR

Has graduated from a foreign RN or LPN/VN pre-licensure education program that:

- a. has been approved by the authorized accrediting body in the applicable country and
- b. has been verified by an independent credentials review agency to be comparable to a Board approved nursing education program;

3. Has successfully passed an English proficiency examination that includes the components of reading, speaking, writing and listening; if a graduate of a foreign pre-licensure education program not taught in English or if English is not the individual's native language;
4. Has successfully passed an NCLEX-RN® or NCLEX-PN® Examination or State Board Test Pool Examination, as applicable;
5. Holds an active, unencumbered license;
6. Has submitted fingerprints or other biometric data for the purpose of obtaining criminal history record information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Georgia Bureau of Investigations;
7. Has not been convicted or found guilty, or entered into an agreed disposition, of a felony offense under applicable state or federal criminal law;
8. Has not been convicted or found guilty, or entered into an agreed disposition, of a misdemeanor offense related to the practice of nursing as determined on a case-by-case basis;
9. Is not currently enrolled in an alternative program;
10. Is subject to self-disclosure requirements regarding current participation in an alternative program;
11. Has a valid United States Social Security number; and
12. Declares Georgia as the primary state of residence.

Please follow these easy steps to ensure that your application is processed as quickly as possible.

1. Complete the application in its entirety. Indicate N/A for any blanks that are not applicable.
2. Include a check or money order payable to the Georgia Board of Nursing in the amount of \$40.00 + \$10.00 processing fee. Please note that fees are non-refundable.
3. To be eligible to obtain a multistate license from the State of Georgia, you must declare Georgia as your primary state of residence. If you do not have a current Georgia mailing address, you must provide a legible, copy of one of the following documents:
 - a. Driver's license with a home address;
 - b. Voter registration card displaying a home address;
 - c. Federal income tax return declaring the primary state of residence;
 - d. Military Form No. 2058 (state of legal residence certificate); and/or
 - e. W2 from US Government or any bureau, division or agency thereof indicating the state of residence.

4. Submit official transcripts from an approved nursing education program (as described in O.C.G.A. §43-26-3) which led to initial licensure. To avoid processing delays please submit your transcripts as part of your application packet. Transcripts may also be sent electronically to nursing@sos.ga.gov by the school or using a transcript exchange service.

Applicants who are graduates of a non-traditional nursing education program as defined in O.C.G.A. §43-26-7(e) must meet certain education and practice requirements. If completion of these requirements cannot be documented the applicant will be required to complete a Board approved preceptorship as described in O.C.G.A. §43-26-7. Please refer to the Georgia Board of Nursing's website at www.sos.ga.gov/georgia-board-nursing to review applicable Georgia law and Board Rules. Instructions for Nontraditional Nursing Education Program Applicants may also be found at the Board's website under the "Application Downloads" link.

5. Board rule 410-2-.01 requires applicants for licensure by examination to pass NCLEX within three years of the date of graduation. Applicants for licensure by examination who have not passed NCLEX within three years of the date of graduation must enroll in and graduate from an approved nursing education program to reestablish testing eligibility.

6. The Board requires applicants to disclose all previous arrests and discipline by other regulatory boards. If you have ever been arrested or disciplined by any other regulatory board or agency please provide a certified copy of the official documents showing the final disposition of the incident as well as a personal, detailed letter of explanation regarding each incident. To avoid processing delays please submit all documentation as part of your application packet.

7. Georgia law requires applicants to submit secure and verifiable documentation regarding their United States citizenship status. Submit a copy of your driver's license, United States passport or other document as indicated on page 2 of the application packet. To avoid processing delays please submit the required documentation as part of your application packet.

8. Have your completed and signed application notarized.

9. Georgia law requires applicants for licensure to complete a criminal background check. Please visit the Board's website at www.sos.ga.gov/georgia-board-nursing and view the instructions for completing a criminal background check by fingerprinting.

10. Register with Pearson Vue for NCLEX using the name provided on the application for licensure and your nursing education program transcripts. Your registration name must match your government issued identification or you will not be allowed to write the exam.

11. If you have a documented disability and require an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please visit the Board's website at www.sos.ga.gov/georgia-board-nursing to search and download the "Request for Accommodation" form. Have your health care provider complete and submit that form with the required documentation using the instructions contained on the form. Please note, accommodation requests must be approved prior to scheduling your test date.

12. Mail your completed application to the Georgia Board of Nursing for processing. Applications are processed in the order in which they are received. To avoid processing delays please be sure to include all required documentation with your application packet. Applications are valid for one year from the date of submission. When mailing your application please use a 9x12 envelope and do not fold or staple any of the documents.

You must not engage in registered nursing practice in Georgia until you are licensed by the Georgia Board of Nursing. Any person practicing or offering to practice nursing or using the title "registered professional nurse," as defined in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-26-1 et.seq. within the State of Georgia, shall be licensed as provided in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-26-1 et.seq.



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Application for Licensure By Examination as a Registered Nurse Application Fee \$40.00 +\$10.00 Processing Fee Fees Are Nonrefundable

Date Entered _____
Receipt # _____
Submitted \$ _____
Certificate # _____
Date Issued _____

Please check this box if you are a military spouse or a transitioning service member of the United States armed forces (including the National Guard).

Demographic Information

Please Print Legibly or Type all Information

Last Name:	First Name:
Middle Name:	Previous Name(s):
Social Security Number:	Date of Birth:
Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Email:

Physical Address Information – Applicants must provide a physical address of record.
A post office box is not acceptable for this field.

Physical Address:

City:	State:	Zip:
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Mailing Address Information - Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §43-1-2(k), if issued a license, your mailing address and license number are public information and will appear on the Board's website. A post office box may be used for this field.

Mailing Address:

City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Alternate Phone:	

Declaration of Primary State of Residency

To be considered for a multistate license, Georgia must be your primary state of residency.

I declare Georgia as my primary state of residency and I am providing a Georgia address. No Yes

If you do not have a current Georgia mailing address, you must provide one of the documents in the section titled Declaration of Primary State of Residence in the instructions. If Georgia is not your primary state of residence, you are not eligible for a Georgia multistate license.

Do you hold an active enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact multistate license in another state? No Yes

Please note, a nurse may only hold one multistate license. If you currently hold a multistate license in another jurisdiction and you are not changing your primary state of residency to Georgia you should not submit this application.

Nursing Education Information

To be considered for licensure, your nursing education program must meet the requirements of O.C.G.A. §43-26-3(1.2). Submit official transcripts verifying your degree/graduation date from your nursing education program.

Name of Basic Nursing Education Program:

Location of Basic Nursing Education Program:	City:	State:	Zip:
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Date of Graduation:	Degree Awarded: <input type="checkbox"/> Diploma <input type="checkbox"/> Associate Degree <input type="checkbox"/> Baccalaureate Degree <input type="checkbox"/> Master's Degree <input type="checkbox"/> Other
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Have you previously applied to take NCLEX in this or any other state? No Yes
 If yes, please list the state in which you applied and the date of examination:

State	Date	State	Date

If you have previously been authorized to take NCLEX in another state or jurisdiction, why are you seeking licensure by examination in Georgia? _____

Criminal and Disciplinary Information

Failure to reveal an offense, arrest, ticket, or citation may subject your license to a disciplinary order and fine.

Have you ever been arrested? No Yes

If yes, please submit, with your application, a certified copy of the court records showing the final disposition of all charges and letter of explanation which addresses each charge.

Note: The answer to this question is "Yes" if an arrest or conviction has been pardoned, expunged, dismissed or deferred, you pled and completed probation under First Offender and/or your civil rights have been restored and/or you have received legal advice that the offense will not appear on your criminal record.

Has any licensing authority in Georgia or any other jurisdiction ever refused to issue you a license or ever revoked, annulled, cancelled, accepted surrender of, suspended, placed on probation, refused to renew a professional license, certificate or multi-state privilege held by you now or previously, or ever fined, censured, reprimanded or otherwise disciplined you? No Yes

Within the past five (5) years have you been addicted to and/or treated for the use of alcohol or any other drug? No Yes

Are you currently under investigation or is a disciplinary action pending against your nursing license or any other license or certification you hold in any state or territory of the United States? ? No Yes

Are you currently a participant in a state board/designee monitoring program including alternative to discipline, diversion or a peer assistance program? No Yes

Have you ever been terminated from an alternative to discipline, diversion, or a peer assistance program due to unsuccessful completion? No Yes

Do you currently possess any condition which may in any way impair your ability to practice or otherwise alter your behavior as it relates to the practice of nursing? No Yes

Application Checklist

To ensure that your application is complete, please use the following checklist:

- Enclose a check or money order payable to the Georgia Board of Nursing in the amount of \$40.00. Remember—application fees are nonrefundable.
- Enclose an official copy of your nursing education transcripts.
- Enclose secure and verifiable documentation of United States citizenship or legal immigration status.
- Register for your criminal background check with Gemalto/GAPS.
- Submit your completed application to:

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You may check your application status by visiting the Board's website at www.sos.ga.gov/georgia-board-nursing and click on "Licensing Services" and "Application Status."



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Criminal Background Consent Form		
Last Name:	First Name:	
Middle Name:	Previous Name(s):	
Social Security Number:	Date of Birth:	
Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Race:	
Physical Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:

I hereby authorize the Georgia Board of Nursing ("Board") to receive any Georgia criminal history record information pertaining to me which may be in the files of any state or local criminal justice agency in Georgia. I give consent to the Board to perform periodic criminal history background checks for the duration of my licensure with this state.

Applicant Signature

Date

- THIS FORM MUST NOT BE SIGNED ELECTRONICALLY -