

Georgia Board of Nursing – Licensure By Examination as a Registered Nurse Graduates of Nursing Education Programs Located Outside of the United States

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. Register with CGFNS International at www.cgfns.org and request that they evaluate your credentials and submit a CES Professional Report (including non-nursing education) to the Georgia Board of Nursing.
4. If your nursing education program was not completed in English with English textbooks you must pass the TOEFL with a minimum score of 550 (paper based), 213 (computer based) or 79 (internet based). You may register for TOEFL at www.toefl.org.
3. Submit official transcripts from your nursing education program which led to initial licensure. Transcripts must be in English or accompanied by a certified English language translation directly from the school, another licensing board, or CGFNS.
4. Submit verification of licensure as a registered nurse from the licensing agency in your country of licensure. This information may be forwarded to the Board by CGFNS.

5. Board rule 410-2-.03 requires applicants for licensure by examination to pass NCLEX within three years of the date of testing eligibility. 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. Board Rule 410-2-.03 requires applicants for licensure by examination (international) to document one of the following: 1) Five hundred (500) hours of practice as a registered nurse (based on the definition of the "Practice of Nursing" found in O.C.G.A. §43-26-32) within the four years preceding the date of this application; 2) Graduation from a nursing education program as defined in O.C.G.A. § 43-26-3(1.2); or, 3) Completion of a Board approved reentry program within the four years preceding the date of this application. Have your employer complete the attached "Verification of Employment Form" to provide documentation of active practice within the four years preceding the date of this application. To avoid processing delays please submit verifications of employment as part of your application packet.
7. 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.
8. 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 3 of the application packet. To avoid processing delays please submit the required documentation as part of your application packet.
9. Have your completed and signed application notarized.
10. 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, view the instructions for completing a criminal background check by fingerprinting.
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 sixty (60) days 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 (Graduates of International Programs) 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:
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:	Country:
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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? _____

Licensure Information

Please list the country where you were initially licensed as a registered nurse:

Please list the country where you are currently licensed as a registered nurse:

Active Practice Information

Board Rule 410-2-.03 requires that applicants document one of the following:

I have practiced as a registered nurse (based on the definition of the "Practice of Nursing" found in O.C.G.A. §43-26-3) at least five hundred (500) hours within the four (4) years preceding the date of this application and have provided the employment information on the grid below:

No Yes

I have not practiced as a registered nurse (based on the definition of the "Practice of Nursing" found in O.C.G.A. §43-26-3) at least five hundred (500) hours within the four (4) years preceding the date of this application and understand that I am required to complete a Board approved reentry program as defined in Board Rule 410-4-.03.

No Yes

Employer Name and Address	Location (City/State)	Position/Title	Dates of Employment (Month/Year to Month/Year)	RN Licensure Required	Number of Hours Worked

A completed verification of employment form must be submitted for each employer listed on this grid.
If your employer uses a third party to verify employment it is the applicant's responsibility to obtain the employment documentation and submit it with the application packet.

Native Language Information

Is English your native language? No Yes

Was your nursing education program (including textbooks and instruction) conducted in English? No Yes

CGFNS

Register with CGFNS International at www.cgfns.org and request that they evaluate your credentials and submit a CES Professional Report (including non-nursing education) to the Georgia Board of Nursing.

CGFNS Identification Number _____

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

Citizenship and Immigration Information

Georgia law requires applicants to submit a copy of your Secure and Verifiable Document. This includes a copy of your driver's license, United States Passport or a copy of your current immigration document(s) which includes your alien identification number, I-94 number and SEVIS ID if required.

A complete list of secure and verifiable documents published under the authority of O.C.G.A. § 50-36-2, contains documents that are verifiable for identification purposes, and documents on this list may not necessarily be indicative of residency or immigration status. This list may be found on the Board's website at this address: www.sos.ga.gov/georgia-board-nursing

Applicant Affidavit

I hereby swear and affirm that all information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further swear and affirm that I have read and understand the current state laws and rules and regulations of the Georgia Board of Nursing and I agree to abide by these laws and rules, as amended from time to time.

By signing this application, electronically or otherwise, I hereby swear and affirm one of the following to be true and accurate pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1:

- 1) _____ I am a United States citizen 18 years of age or older. Please submit a copy of your current Secure and Verifiable Document(s) such as driver's license, passport, or other lawful document.

- 2) _____ I am not a United States citizen, but I am a legal permanent resident of the United States 18 years of age or older, or I am a qualified alien or non-immigrant under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act 18 years of age or older with an alien number issued by the Department of Homeland Security or other federal immigration agency. Please submit a copy of your current immigration document(s) which includes either your Alien number or your I-94 number and, if needed, SEVIS number.

Under penalties of perjury, I understand that any false or misleading information in, or in connection with my application, may be cause for denial or revocation of licensure. In making the above attestation, I understand that any failure to make full and accurate disclosures may result in disciplinary action by the Georgia Board of Nursing and/or criminal prosecution.

Printed Name of Applicant

Applicant Signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Signature of Notary Public

Commission Expiration Date

- THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY -

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 + \$10.00 processing fee. Remember - 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:

Georgia Board of Nursing
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404-424-9966
www.sos.ga.gov/georgia-board-nursing

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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**VERIFICATION OF EMPLOYMENT FOR APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION
(GRADUATES OF INTERNATIONAL NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAMS)**

Section I (To be completed by applicant)		
Submit this form to your employer to verify your employment and the numbers of hours worked. The name and address of your employer on this form must match the name and address you listed under "Employment History" on your application. Ask the employer to complete this form and place it in a sealed envelope for you to submit with your application or submit it by email to nursing@sos.ga.gov .		
Last Name:	First Name:	
Physical Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Email:	
I do hereby consent to and authorize the release of any and all records and information concerning my employment to the Georgia Board of Nursing. I understand this information is required as part of the application for licensure process.		
_____		_____
Applicant Signature		Date

Section II (To be completed by employer)		
Please complete the form in its entirety. Be sure to accurately document the employee's position/title and whether or not licensure as a registered nurse was required. The completed and notarized form may be provided to the applicant or submitted directly to the Georgia Board of Nursing by email to nursing@sos.ga.gov .		
Facility/Business/Employer Name:		
Physical Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Email:	
Employer Information		
Employee's Position/Title:		
Is an RN license a qualification/requirement for employment in this position? <input type="checkbox"/> No Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		
If different location of the employer listed on the first page, please identify the physical location where the employee practiced		
Facility/Business/Employer Name:		
Physical Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Email:	

Dates of Employment:

Employed From _____ (Month/Year) to _____ (Month/Year)

Were there any periods of extended absence during employment? No Yes

If yes, please provide dates" _____ (Month/Year) to _____ (Month/Year)

Please complete the grid below:

Year	Hours Worked	Job Title/Description

Name and title of individual verifying employment information:

I hereby certify that I am the custodian of records at the facility listed on this form and the information submitted on this form are true and correct statements of this applicant's employment with our facility.

Signature

Date

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Signature of Notary Public

Commission Expiration Date



Office of the Secretary of State

Name-Based Criminal History Record Information Consent/Inquiry Form

I hereby authorize the Georgia Board of Nursing to conduct an inquiry for the purpose listed below and receive any Georgia and/or national criminal history record information as authorized by state and federal law.
Agency / Board / Company

Full Name (print)			
↑ Address ↑		↑ City ↑	↑ State ↑
↑ Date of Birth ↑	↑ Social Security Number ↑		↑ Race ↑
		↑ Sex ↑	
			↑ Zip ↑

Please check **ONLY** one of the boxes listed below:

- This authorization is valid for _____ days from date of signature.
- I, _____, give consent to the above-named entity to perform periodic criminal history background checks for the duration of my employment.

Signature _____

Date _____

AREA BELOW IS FOR AGENCY USE ONLY

Date of Inquiry: _____ Time of Inquiry: _____ Operator Initials / Requestor: _____

Purpose Code Used: (check one)

NON-CRIMINAL JUSTICE PURPOSES	
<input type="checkbox"/>	E - Employment
<input type="checkbox"/>	M - Working with Mentally Disabled
<input type="checkbox"/>	N - Working with Elderly
<input type="checkbox"/>	W - Working with Children
<input type="checkbox"/>	P - Public Records (no consent required)
<input type="checkbox"/>	F - Probate Court / Weapons Carry License
PERSONAL REQUEST (INDIVIDUAL OR THEIR ATTORNEY)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	U - Personal Copy
CRIMINAL JUSTICE	
<input type="checkbox"/>	J - Civilian Criminal Justice Employment (State & III Info Received)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Z - Sworn Criminal Justice Employment (State & III Info Received)

The inquiry resulted in the following: (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/>	No Criminal Record Available
<input type="checkbox"/>	Criminal Record (Attached/Released)
<input type="checkbox"/>	No NCIC/GCIC Warrant
<input type="checkbox"/>	Possible NCIC/GCIC Warrant (List Wanting Agency Below)

Wanting Agency Name: _____

Wanting Agency Telephone: _____

Agency Designee Signature and Title: _____ Date: _____