

Chapter N 4

REGISTRATION FOR THE PRACTICE OF
PROFESSIONAL NURSING

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History: Chapter N 4 as it existed on September 30, 1971 was repealed and a new chapter N 4 was created, Register, September, 1971, effective October 1, 1971.

N 4.01 Proof of intention to qualify for registration. A nurse shall be considered to have indicated his intention to qualify for registration if the registration fee of \$30 has been paid to the division of nurses.

History: Cr. Register, September, 1971, No. 189, eff. 10-1-71.

N 4.02 Eligibility for examination. (1) **GRADUATE OF STATE ACCREDITED SCHOOL.** (a) Shall be a U.S. citizen or submit proof of intention to become a citizen; has graduated from high school or its equivalent; and holds a diploma of graduation from an accredited school of nursing.

(b) Application, statements, documents, and \$30 shall be on file as specified in section N 8.04 (6) (d).

(c) Shall be able to speak, read and write English. The board shall designate an agency or institution to determine English proficiency.

(2) **GRADUATE OF EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM.** A nurse who holds a license in another state, territory or province of Canada, who graduated from an accredited experimental program and who has met the requirements as outlined in section N 4.02 (1), may be granted a certificate of registration provided the board has reviewed the program and the minutes indicate its approval.

(3) **GRADUATE OF SCHOOL IN FOREIGN COUNTRY.** (a) A nurse licensed in a foreign country, with the exception of Canada, is required to meet the requirements outlined in section N 4.02 (1).

(b) All statements and documents written in a foreign language shall be accompanied by notarized translations. The cost of the translation is to be paid by the nurse.

(c) A nurse with credentials shall submit proof of instruction and experience which the board determines to be comparable to the preparation required in a Wisconsin accredited school at the time the applicant was in school.

1. In courses which do not meet the minimum requirements the national league for nursing's achievement tests shall be taken. A score at or above the 50th percentile is required.

(d) A nurse without credentials shall submit certified statements attesting to his nursing preparation. At least 2 certifications are required, one of which may be made by the applicant. A 12-month period of supervised practice in a hospital associated with an accredited school of nursing is required. Such experience shall be under the aegis of the department of nursing service and the school of nursing jointly. Twelve weeks of practice is required in each of 4 areas; medical and surgical nursing, nursing of children, maternity nursing; and nursing the mentally ill. A notation shall be made by the division of nurses on the permit of the nurse required to take supervised experience to gain admission to examination to the effect that such nurse may not be permitted to be employed as a registered nurse until such deficiencies have been removed. A report of the applicant's competency shall be submitted by the educational administrator or his designee at the completion of each 3 months. In addition, the national league for nursing's achievement test shall be taken. A score at or above the 50th percentile is required. Exception shall be made only by the board under unusual circumstances.

(e) A nurse meeting (a), (b) and (c) or (d) shall be qualified for admission to examination.

(4) GRADUATE NURSES REGISTERED IN OTHER STATES BUT NOT ELIGIBLE FOR REGISTRATION WITHOUT EXAMINATION. A nurse who holds a license from another state, territory or province of Canada shall be required to qualify and take the examination if his professional educational qualifications and other qualifications are not comparable to those required of Wisconsin nurses during the years he was in school.

(5) CREDENTIALS ON GENERAL AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION. (1) All records submitted to the board must be received directly from the issuing agent.

2. They must be original records, or may be a photocopy on paper which has permanent characteristics.

3. They must have the authorized signature and school seal or be notarized.

History: Cr. Register, September, 1971, No. 189, eff. 10-1-71.

N 4.03 Eligibility without examination. (1) RECOGNITION OF OUT-OF-STATE LICENSES. A nurse licensed as a registered nurse in another state, territory or province of Canada "may be granted a certificate without examination if her credentials of general and professional educational qualifications and other qualifications are comparable to those required in Wisconsin during the same period and if the board is satisfied from her employment and professional record that she is currently competent to practice her profession." (s. 441.06 (1) Stats.)

(2) RECOGNITION OF FIRST WAIVER. A nurse licensed as a registered nurse under the first waiver in another state, territory or province of Canada shall be granted a certificate of registration without examination.