Chapter N 2

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Subchapter I — Authority; Definitions

N 2.01 Authority. (1) This chapter is adopted pursuant to authority of ss. 15.08, 227.11, and 441.01 (3), Stats.

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N 2.02 Definitions. As used in this chapter:

(1) “Board” means board of nursing.

(2) “Board−approved school” means any of the following:

(a) A school in Wisconsin which has been approved by the board or the board has granted authorization to admit students under ch. N 1.

(b) A school which participates in the electronic application process.

(3) “Certificate of approval” means the verification from a school of nursing that the applicant has completed the portion of the program equivalent to a diploma in practical nursing or professional nursing.

(4) “Certificate of completion” means the verification from a school of nursing that the applicant has completed the portion of the program equivalent to a diploma in practical nursing or professional nursing.

(5) “Comparable school” means any of the following:

(a) A school holding nursing accreditation by a board−recognized nursing accreditation organization.

(b) A school located in the United States approved by the board of nursing for that jurisdiction.

(c) A school located in a U.S. territory or a province of Canada which is approved by the board of nursing for that jurisdiction and meets the standards of the Wisconsin board of nursing.

(6) “Department” means the department of safety and professional services.

(7) “Direct supervision” means immediate availability to coordinate, direct and inspect the practice of another.

(8) “LPN” means licensed practical nurse.

(9) “NCLEX” means national council licensure examination

(10) “RN” means registered nurse.

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N 2.10 Qualifications for licensure. (1) REGISTERED NURSE APPLICANTS. An applicant is eligible for licensure as a registered nurse if the applicant complies with all of the following requirements:

(a) Graduates from a high school or its equivalent.

(b) Does not have an arrest or conviction record, subject to ss. 111.321, 111.322 and 111.335, Stats.

(c) Graduates from any of the following:

1. A board−approved school of professional nursing.

2. A comparable school of professional nursing.

(d) In lieu of meeting the requirement in par. (c), evidence of general and professional educational qualifications comparable to those required in this state at the time of graduation.

(e) Passes the NCLEX.

(2) LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE APPLICANTS. An applicant is eligible for licensure if the applicant meets all of the following requirements:

(a) Completed two years of high school or its equivalent.

(b) Is 18 years or older.

(c) Does not have an arrest or conviction record, subject to ss. 111.321, 111.322 and 111.335.

(d) Graduates from any of the following:

1. A board−approved school of practical nursing.

2. A comparable school of practical nursing.

(e) In lieu of meeting the requirement in par. (d), evidence of general and professional educational qualifications comparable to those required in this state at the time of graduation.

(f) Passes the NCLEX.

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N 2.11 Application procedure for applicants from board−approved schools. (1) Each applicant from a board−approved school shall complete and submit an application by the electronic application process or on forms provided by the department and shall pay the fee.

(2) The educational administrator or designee for a school of professional nursing or practical nursing shall submit any of the following:

(a) Via the electronic application process a verification that the applicant has graduated or received a certificate of completion.

(b) A certification of graduation or completion to the department.

(3) (a) The examination accepted by the board is the NCLEX.

(b) The board shall notify the applicant of eligibility for admission to the NCLEX once it receives verification of any of the following:
Subchapter III — Licensure by Endorsement

N 2.20  Endorsement of an applicant from a nurse licensure compact state.  (1) A current license from a state which has adopted the nurse licensure compact under s. 441.50, Stats., is considered to have met educational and other qualifications comparable to those required in this state.

(2) An applicant from a nurse licensure compact state shall file a completed application, declare Wisconsin as the primary state of residence, and pay the applicable fee.

(3) An applicant who has a pending criminal charge or has been convicted of any crime or ordinance violation shall provide the board with all related information necessary for the board to determine whether the circumstances of the arrest or conviction or other offense substantially relate to the practice of nursing.

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(5) An applicant who has committed any act, which would be subject to discipline under ch. N 7, shall provide the board with all related information necessary for the board to determine whether the circumstances of the arrest or conviction or other offense substantially relate to the practice of nursing.

N 2.12  Application procedure for applicants from comparable schools.  (1) Each applicant from a comparable school shall complete and submit an application on forms provided by the department.

(2) The school of professional nursing or practical nursing shall forward directly to the department, official transcripts of nursing education for applicants who graduated from the school. If the applicant graduated from a school of professional nursing or practical nursing from a U.S. territory or outside the United States, the applicant shall submit any of the following:

(a) For a professional nursing applicant, a valid certificate issued by the commission on graduates of foreign nursing schools or another board–approved entity which evaluates education.

(b) For a practical nursing applicant, a credential evaluation service academic report and demonstration of passing a board accepted language proficiency exam.

(c) The applicant shall contact the examination provider to schedule the NCLEX date and time within one year from the time the notice of eligibility is received by the applicant.

(d) The board shall send notification of results to applicants who fail to earn a passing score on the NCLEX. An applicant may apply to the board for authorization to schedule reexamination. The reexamination may not occur earlier than 45 days after the most recent sitting for the NCLEX.

(e) An applicant who has committed any act, which would be subject to discipline under ch. N 7, shall provide the board with all related information necessary for the board to determine whether the circumstances of the arrest or conviction or other offense substantially relate to the practice of nursing.

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N 2.21  Endorsement of an applicant from another U.S. state, territory or Canada.  (1)  (a) A license from a U.S. state that has not adopted the nurse licensure compact under s. 441.50, Stats., a U.S. territory or Canada is considered to have met educational and other qualifications comparable to those required in this state provided the requirements of the initial license included all of the following:

1. Graduation from a school approved by the board in the jurisdiction of initial licensure or had education in the jurisdiction of initial licensure deemed to be comparable to a school that board approves.

2. Passage of the NCLEX.

(b) An applicant, whose initial license from another U.S. state, territory or Canada does not meet the requirements in par. (a), shall submit all of the following to the board to determine whether the circumstances of the arrest or conviction or other offense substantially relate to the practice of nursing:

1. Evidence of educational qualifications.

2. Evidence of passing the NCLEX or other nursing licensure examination.

(2) An applicant shall submit a completed application and pay the applicable fee. The application shall include the following:

(a) Verification of licensure from the state, territory or province in which the original license by examination was issued and the state, territory or province in which the current, active license was issued.

(b) Documentation of employment history.

(c) An applicant who has a pending criminal charge or has been convicted of any crime or ordinance violation shall provide the board with all related information necessary for the board to determine whether the circumstances of the arrest or conviction or other offense substantially relate to the practice of nursing.

(d) An applicant who has a license encumbered by adverse action shall provide the board with all related information necessary to determine whether the board deems the action taken to warrant a denial in Wisconsin.

(e) An applicant who has been terminated from any employment related to nursing shall provide the board with all related information necessary to determine current competency.

(f) An applicant who has committed any act, which would be subject to discipline under ch. N 7, shall provide the board with all related information necessary for the board to determine whether the circumstances of the arrest or conviction or other offense substantially relate to the practice of nursing.
N 2.36 Denial or revocation. A temporary permit may be denied or revoked for the following:

(1) Providing fraudulent information on an application for licensure.

(2) Misrepresentation of being an R.N., G.N., L.P.N. or G.P.N. without holding a valid temporary permit.


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