NCLEX and Licensure Information Session February 22, 2016
NCLEX and Licensure Process

- Graduate from UW-Madison, School of Nursing
- Apply for a license with a State Board of Nursing
- Register with Pearson VUE; take and pass the NCLEX
Timeline

- Up to 6 weeks before graduation, can start to fill out State Board applications (must pay fee to complete application).
- Up to 6 weeks before graduation: register for NCLEX with Pearson VUE (must pay fee at time of registration).
- If applying in a state that needs academic programs to fill out your education verification form, turn that in to Academic Programs.
- Official Graduation Date: May 15, 2016
- Last day that grades are due: May 20, 2016
- Education verification done in the Academic Programs office: May 23-27, 2016
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- State Boards notify Pearson VUE that you are eligible to sit for the NCLEX
- Pearson VUE sends you your Authorization to Test (ATT)
- Once you receive your ATT, you schedule your testing time
- Take the NCLEX
- Pass the NCLEX
- Pearson VUE notifies State Boards of pass/fail
- State Boards issue you your license, if passed.
- If you fail, wait period to re-take is 45-90 days. Each State Board has their own rule.
Timeline

April
• Application to State Board of Nursing
• Register for NCLEX

May
• Graduate
• Education Verification completed by SON

June
• Education Verification sent to State Board of Nursing or given to student
• State Board notifies Pearson VUE that you are eligible to take the NCLEX
• You will get your ATT from Pearson VUE
• Schedule your NCLEX testing time (usually within 90 days)
What Can You Do Now

• Be sure that you have indicated your graduation term in your MyUW account. This will put you “on the list” of those that intend to graduate this Spring or Summer. This list is used for things like graduation ceremony information and final graduation checks at the end of the semester.

• Meet with your advisor to complete a final graduation check or you can run your own DARS through your MyUW. Details are on the StudentNet.
  • [Link](http://academic.son.wisc.edu/studentnet/undergrad/advising/degreechkbs.php)
What Can Delay Your Graduation?

• Courses/Credits not yet posted to your record (Transfer, Study Abroad, Extension).

• We recommend that you meet with an Advisor to make sure the credits are posted. If they are not posted, they need to be posted to your record through the Office of Admissions. It can take 4-6 weeks to finalize getting your credits posted.

• All courses must be completed and posted to your record before we can verify graduation.
Key Players and Roles

- **NCSBN**
  - Ensure the fair and secure delivery of the exam

- **Pearson VUE**
  - Administer the exam according to rules and accommodations

- **Board of Nursing**
  - Make candidates eligible, complete accommodations requests, grant license to qualified candidates
Licensure

- Must apply to a State Board of Nursing
- Can only have one active application with one state

# NCLEX* PROGRAM REPORTS

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - BS


## WHERE YOUR GRADUATES APPLIED FOR LICENSURE

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Licensure Information

After a student has completed their nursing degree, the next step is to sit for the NCLEX. Undergraduate students must apply for licensure in a specific state and complete the NCLEX exam to become a Registered Nurse.

Licensure information pertains to current undergraduate students who are in their last semester and will graduate in May 2016. Students should be sure that they have indicated their graduation term in their MyUW account. This will put students “on the list” of those that intend to graduate this Spring or Summer. This list is used for things like graduation ceremony information and final graduation checks at the end of the semester.

If you are uncertain as to whether or not you will be a May graduate, please contact your advisor via email, or run a DARS report through your MyUW account. You can also meet with your advisor to complete a Senior Graduation Check. The degree date for May graduates will be May 13, 2016. This is the date that will be printed on your official transcript.

Academic Programs then has to verify all requirements (after final grades are submitted and posted) for all students that have indicated graduation. This process takes about 2 weeks. Academic Programs then sends final lists to the Registrar.

We will send education certification information around the first week of June. It could take 15-20 days (or more) for some states to complete your application after they receive the education certification. If you plan on working right after the semester, we encourage you to speak with your employer about the positions (Student Nurse, etc.) that are available to you until you receive your temporary license.

What can delay your education verification?

One of the most frequent reasons that might delay a student’s education verification is the posting of credits to their record. Students should make sure that all off campus (Transfer, Study Abroad, Extension) credits have been posted to their record. All courses must be completed and posted to your record before we can verify graduation.

We recommend that students meet with an Advisor to make sure the credits are posted. If they are not posted, they need to be posted to the student’s record through the Office of Admissions. It can take 4-6 weeks to finalize getting your credits posted.

Degree Certification:

Most state board of nursing offices require you to document your nursing education. Documentation varies by state. The most common methods used for documentation are an official transcript, a degree verification form or by both methods combined.
WI State Board of Nursing
Department of Safety and Professional Services

- https://olas.wi.gov/
Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation

Minnesota Board of Nursing

• http://mn.gov/boards/nursing
Info on compact states:
https://www.ncsbn.org/compacts.htm

Our Mission
The Nurse Licensure Compact advances public protection and access to care through the mutual recognition of one state-based license that is enforced locally and recognized nationally.
Compact States

• NLC Toolkit: https://www.ncsbn.org/6183.htm

• Information for New Grads:
Compact States

- I am not sure what is required for a state to be my home state of residency for compact privileges. What is the requirement?
- If you live in a compact state, you must have at least one of the following to declare that state your home state of residency:
  - a driver license in that state, or;
  - an address from the state that you hold a voters registration, or;
  - an address in that state by which you file your federal income taxes.
- Most compact states require some type of formal declaration. You cannot assume you have the compact privilege just because you have one or more of the items above.
Licensure

• Any questions on licensure?
NCLEX

National Council Licensure Examination

- Passing demonstrates that you have the minimal level of knowledge or competency
- A legal requirement
- Allows you to be registered as a professional nurse
- Is a CAT exam – Computerized Adaptive Test
Registration process for the NCLEX is as follows:

1. Meet all of the board of nursing’s eligibility requirements to take the NCLEX.
2. Submit an application for licensure to the board of nursing where you wish to be licensed.
3. Register for the NCLEX with Pearson VUE.
4. Receive Acknowledgement of Receipt of Registration from Pearson VUE.
5. The board of nursing makes the candidate eligible to take the NCLEX.
6. Receive Authorization to Test (ATT) letter from Pearson VUE.
7. Schedule your exam with Pearson VUE.

Check out this resource: **Eight Steps to the NCLEX**
http://academic.son.wisc.edu/studentnet/forms/nclex_info_factsheet.pdf
Registration process for the NCLEX is as follows:

1. **Apply for licensure/eligibility to the board of nursing**
2. **Register and pay the $200 fee for the NCLEX Examination with Pearson VUE**

Once both steps are completed, eligibility is granted, and the candidate is authorized to test (ATT).
NCLEX Administration

- Registration
- Eligibility
- ATT (Authorization to Test)
- Scheduling
NCLEX Registration

• Register for the NCLEX exam with Pearson VUE: www.pearsonvue.com/nclex
• 1-866-496-2539
• https://www.ncsbn.org/nclex.htm
NCLEX Registration

• Candidate Name—must match exactly with the valid ID and the ATT letter

• Fees

• Educational program code: US50509500

• Candidate contact information

• Receive confirmation of registration from Pearson VUE
NCLEX Eligibility

- The Board of Nursing issues eligibility
- Authorization to Test (ATT) letter sent by Pearson VUE
NCLEX ATT

• Candidate should review ATT from Pearson VUE for:
  – Name matching on ID and ATT
  – ATT expiration date
  – Appointment scheduling information
NCLEX Scheduling

• Schedule online-www.pearsonvue.com/nclex
• Rescheduling must be done 24 hours prior to appointment
• No refunds
• Request accommodations through Pearson VUE

• https://www.ncsbn.org/1217.htm
NCLEX Administration

• Exam day
  – Pearson VUE Professional Center (PPC)
  – Admissions
  – Candidate rules
  – Exam components
Pearson VUE Professional Test Centers
Admissions

• Rules
• ID
• Personal Items
NCLEX Exam Appointment

• Candidate rules and expectations
  – Example: You may not bring or access any educational, test preparation or study materials to the testing center at any time during your examination

• Any misconduct and/or irregularities are immediately reported
During the Exam

- Erasable note boards
- Breaks
  - Scheduled
  - Unscheduled
Exam Components

• 6 hours to complete
• Exam includes:
  – NCLEX tutorial
  – NCLEX examination items
  – Two preprogrammed optional breaks
  – Survey
Exam Day Tips

• Acceptable ID
• Read the candidate rules
• Do not access cell phones or bring study notes
Getting your results

• Preliminary results verified at Pearson VUE: 6-12 hours
• Results available to Board of Nursing: 12-48 hours
• Official results sent to candidates by Board of Nursing: 4 weeks
• NCLEX retake policy: 45 days between exams (varies by state)
NCLEX Quick Results Service

- Your "unofficial" results will be available two business days after taking your examination.
  - **Via the web** ($7.95) - Go to [www.pearsonvue.com/nclex](http://www.pearsonvue.com/nclex)

- Examination results are available ONLY from a candidate's board of nursing and will be mailed approximately one month after taking the examination. DO NOT CALL the board of nursing, NCLEX Candidate Services, the Pearson Professional Centers or NCSBN for examination results.

- You’ve completed the NCLEX, but still have questions:
  - [https://www.ncsbn.org/14_Youve_Completed_NCLEXFAQs_0614.pdf](https://www.ncsbn.org/14_Youve_Completed_NCLEXFAQs_0614.pdf)
NCLEX Passing Standard

• Standard setting
  – A point on the ability continuum that the candidate must EXCEED in order to pass
  – Minimum ability required to safely and effectively practice nursing at the entry-level
  – Determines the minimal amount of knowledge, skill or ability that is required for certification/licensure
  – Passing standard is reviewed and reconsidered every 3 years
NCLEX Passing Standard

NCLEX-RN Passing Standard: [https://www.ncsbn.org/2630.htm](https://www.ncsbn.org/2630.htm)

- The NCSBN Board of Directors voted in December 2012 to raise the passing standard for the NCLEX-RN. The passing standard was revised from -0.16 logits to 0.00 logit. This passing standard was implemented April 1, 2013, in conjunction with the 2013 NCLEX-RN Test Plan. The new passing standard will remain in effect through March 31, 2016.

- New! NCSBN voted on December 9, 2015 to uphold the current passing standard for the NCLEX-RN. The passing standard will remain at the current level of 0.00 logit that was instituted April 1, 2013. This passing standard will remain in effect through March 31, 2019.
## NCLEX® Program Reports

**University of Wisconsin - BS**  

### Rank of Your Program Based on Percentage of Graduates Passing

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**Notes**

The rankings are based on the percentage of your graduates passing the NCLEX-RN® examination compared to other programs with at least ten graduates who took the NCLEX-RN examination during the same reporting period.

All nursing programs with the same percentage of graduates passing the NCLEX-RN examination will have the same rank.
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Notes: The numbers in the second and third rows tell you how many (and what percent) of your first-time candidates who tested during this time period passed.

The numbers in the first row include everyone who tested during this period for the first time and gave your program code. This may include both recent and previous graduates.
PERCENTAGE OF YOUR GRADUATES PASSING

Compared to Previous Periods

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Notes

“Other Groups” consist of graduates taking the NCLEX-RN examination for the first time during the same time interval, and are defined as follows:

Jurisdiction – refers to all RN graduates within your state or jurisdiction.

Similar Programs – refers to RN graduates from the same type of program as your program. All RN programs are classified as either BSN, Associate Degree, or Diploma programs.

National – refers to all RN graduates within the fifty states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories.
CAT - Computerized Adaptive Test

How does it work?

• Every time the examinee answers a question, the computer re-estimates the examinee’s ability.

• With every additional answer, the ability estimate gets more precise.

• Based upon the most recent, revised ability estimate, the computer selects the next item to be presented, such that the examinee will find it challenging. (Not too hard, Not too easy)
CAT

• This way an adaptive test presents the examinee with the items that will be the most informative for measuring ability.

• Each test is tailored to the examinee.

• Reduces the number of easy items that high-ability examinees receive.
  – Easy items tell little about a high performer’s ability

• Reduces the number of difficult items that low-ability people receive.
  – People guess on items that are too difficult for them.
Everyone will receive a different, tailored exam

- As a direct result of the exam being a CAT, your exam will be different in both content and length
- The NCLEX has a minimum and maximum number of items that can be asked.
  - RN: 75 – 265
  - The test ends in 3 different ways:
    - when the computer determines with 95% certainty that the examinee’s ability is either above or below the passing standard
    - when the maximum time ends (6 hours)
    - when all 265 questions are asked.
- A message appears on the candidate’s computer screen “Examination is ended”.

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Everyone will receive a different, tailored exam

- In more than 90% of cases, it is the 95% certainty rule that applies.
- That is, very few test takers run out of time or answer all 265 questions.
  - For UW – Madison students, the average test time was 129 minutes (remember, you are allowed 360 minutes)
  - For UW – Madison students, the average number of questions was 112 (out of 265)
  - Speed of answering is not really a concern, so take your time, but do not get “stuck” on one question.
## TEST DURATION REPORT

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2016 NCLEX-RN Test Plan

Safe and Effective Care Environment
- Management of Care  17-23%
- Safety and Infection Control  9-15%

Health Promotion and Maintenance  6-12%

Psychosocial Integrity  6-12%

Physiological Integrity
- Basic Care and Comfort  6-12%
- Pharmacological & Parenteral Therapies  12-18%
- Reduction of Risk Potential  9-15%
- Physiological Adaptation  11-17%

https://www.ncsbn.org/1287.htm
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- [www.facebook.com/NCSBNNNCLEX](www.facebook.com/NCSBNNNCLEX)
- [twitter.com/NCLEXInfo](twitter.com/NCLEXInfo)
Looking for information about the NCLEX-PN or NCLEX-RN Examinations? Prepare yourself for the test experience and learn how NCSBN resources help nursing students like you prepare for their future nursing careers.
What Can I Do Now to prep for the NCLEX?

• Organize Files
• Make a plan
• Begin answering questions/studying (cards, books, CD’s...)
• Take NCLEX within a short time of graduation
• Get Information: https://www.ncsbn.org/nclex.htm
NCLEX Study References

NCLEX-RN Exam Review Information

The School of Nursing does not promote one source for exam preparation. Listed below are some companies and products used by past School of Nursing graduates:

- National Council’s On-Line Review Course for the NCLEX-RN Exam - (web site)
- Test Prep Review - (web site)
- HESI Comprehensive Review for the NCLEX-PN® Examination
- Saunders Comprehensive Review for the NCLEX-RN® Examination - (book)
- Stanley H. Kaplan Educational Center, Ltd. - (web site)
- NCLEX Resources from Elsevier Student Life - (web site)
- The College Network - (web site)
- Lippincott’s Q&A Review for NCLEX-RN - (book)
- Mosby’s Comprehensive Review of Nursing for the NCLEX-RN Examination Package - (book)

Related Links

- Licensure Information
- Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services Web Site
- Listing of State Board of Nursing Departments
- Transcript Information

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Questions?

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  – [http://academic.son.wisc.edu/studentnet/cs_g/career_services/](http://academic.son.wisc.edu/studentnet/cs_g/career_services/)

• **Scheduled Appointments**
  – Students can schedule an appointment with Mary by stopping by the Academic Programs main office or calling 263-5202

• Students are welcome to email questions to [mlrussell@wisc.edu](mailto:mlrussell@wisc.edu).

• Job search
• Convocation: [http://academic.son.wisc.edu/studentnet/docs/ug-convocation-memo-2016.pdf](http://academic.son.wisc.edu/studentnet/docs/ug-convocation-memo-2016.pdf)