NCLEX and Licensure Information Session
February 6, 2017
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.
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- 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.

• http://academic.son.wisc.edu/studentnet/undergrad/advising/degree_chk_bs.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.
Graduation Ceremonies

• Campus Ceremony
  – Saturday, May 13, Camp Randall
  – http://academic.son.wisc.edu/studentnet/cs_g/graduation/commencement.php

• School of Nursing Undergraduate Convocation
  – Sunday, May 14th, Union South
  – http://academic.son.wisc.edu/studentnet/cs_g/graduation/convocation.php
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 by Exam

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

### WHERE YOUR GRADUATES APPLIED FOR LICENSURE

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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](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](https://www.ncsbn.org/6183.htm)

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:

The Eight Steps of the NCLEX®
1. Apply for licensure/registration with one board of nursing/regulatory body (BON/RB).

2. Register and pay the exam fee to Pearson VUE via the Internet or telephone.
   Payment via credit, debit or prepaid card (MasterCard, Visa or American Express) will be accepted.
   You must be made eligible by the BON/RB (see Step 4) within 365 days of your NCLEX registration and payment.

3. Receive Acknowledgement of Receipt of Registration from Pearson VUE by email.

4. BON/RB makes you eligible in the Pearson VUE system.

5. Receive Authorization to Test (ATT) email from Pearson VUE.
   You must test within the validity dates (an average of 90 days) on the ATT. There are no extensions.

6. Schedule your exam appointment via the Internet (by accessing your online account) or by telephone.

7. Arrive for the exam appointment and present your acceptable identification.

8. Receive your official results from your BON/RB up to six weeks after your exam (this time period varies amongst BONs/RBs)

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.
3. Acknowledgement of Registration.
4. Authorization to Test (ATT).

Eligibility Granted.
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
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**  
**Report Period: APR 2016 - SEP 2016**

### 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.*
NCLEX® PROGRAM REPORTS
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - BS

Percentage of Your Graduates Passing the NCLEX-RN® Examination
This section provides information on the number of your graduates who tested during this and previous time periods, the number and percentage who passed, and a comparison with other groups (found in the bar graphs on the following page). Percent passing is rounded at 0.5 and reported as an integer.

PERCENTAGE OF YOUR GRADUATES PASSING THE NCLEX-RN® EXAMINATION

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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.

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.
PERCENTAGE OF YOUR GRADUATES PASSING

Compared to Previous Periods

Compared to Other Groups

"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 all 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.

Notes
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 130 minutes (remember, you are allowed 360 minutes)
  - For UW – Madison students, the average number of questions was 118 (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

## Average Number of Questions Taken

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2017 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
NCLEX Resources

• https://www.ncsbn.org/nclex.htm
• www.facebook.com/NCSBNNNCLEX
• 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

Nursing Learning Center - NCLEX  Review

Register Here: https://www.ohrd.wisc.edu/Catalog/Default.aspx

Wednesday February 15, 11:00am - 12:00pm in Rm 1227
For additional information, contact Darby Sugar at darby.sugar@wisc.edu
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- **Career Services Support**
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- **Scheduled Appointments**
  - Students can schedule an appointment with Mary: [https://calendar.wisc.edu/scheduling-assistant/](https://calendar.wisc.edu/scheduling-assistant/)

Students are welcome to email questions to mlrussell@wisc.edu.