NCLEX and Licensure Information Session
February 3, 2014
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
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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.
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 apply to one state
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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 2013. 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 19, 2013. 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 both the Registrar and the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) and final lists will be confirmed June 1st.

We will send graduation information to the DSPS around the first of June. It could take 15-20 days (or more) for the DSPS to complete your application. 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 (which could be the latter part of June). Student’s education must be verified by the School of Nursing. Temporary licenses are good for 90 days (until you pass the NCLEX).

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.

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WI State Board of Nursing
Department of Safety and Professional Services

- [http://dsp.s.wi.gov/Default.aspx?Page=cde452e1-4b52-4946-b31a-6b9463f0b4de](http://dps.wi.gov/Default.aspx?Page=cde452e1-4b52-4946-b31a-6b9463f0b4de)
Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation

Minnesota Board of Nursing

http://mn.gov/health-licensing-boards/nursing/
Info on compact states: https://www.ncsbn.org/nlc.htm
Compact States

- I am graduating from a nursing program this year. Can I take the NCLEX® in a different state?

The NCLEX® can be taken in any jurisdiction.

However, graduates applying for a license who legally reside in a compact state can only apply to their home state board of nursing.

This means that the applicant cannot apply for a compact license in a compact state other than the one in which he/she is declaring as their primary state of residence.
Compact States

Registered Nurse (RN) in Texas

- Education: Completion of an Approved Registered Nurse Program
- Examination: NCLEX-RN; Texas Nursing Jurisprudence Examination
- Fees: $139 Application Fee; $200 Examination Fee
- Renewal: Fee is $73, payable online or by mail before your renewal date. Late renewal fees are $133.
- Endorsement: Individuals with Equivalent Licensure in Another State May Apply for Licensure through Endorsement, Subject to a $200 Application Fee. Licensure Requirements in the State Where the Original License Was Issued Must Be At Least As Rigorous As the Requirements in Texas. Registered Nurses Who Hold an Active License in Another Compact State Need Not Apply for Licensure in Texas, Unless They Plan to Change Their Permanent Residency to Texas.
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 (see list of compact states), 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.

• In Texas (and most compact states) we 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. In Texas, you must declare your home state on your examination application, endorsement application, renewal form or separate declaration of primary state of residence form, whichever is applicable.
The Nurse Licensure Compact Explained

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KgYXULIGoa8

• This video overview of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) explains the difference between single state and multistate licensure. Learn what states are compact states and registered nurses (RNs) and licensed practical/vocational nurses (LPN/VNs) that are eligible for a multistate nursing license. Please visit http://www.ncsbn.org/nlc for further information about the NLC.

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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**
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).
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
• 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
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
  
  - Via the phone ($9.95) - Call the NCLEX Quick Results line at 1.900.776.2539

- 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.
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

• A new NCLEX-RN passing standard was implements on April 1, 2013.

• This standard will be in effect until March 31, 2016.
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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.

Notes

All nursing programs with the same percentage of graduates passing the NCLEX-RN examination will have the same rank.
## PERCENTAGE OF YOUR GRADUATES PASSING THE NCLEX-RN® EXAMINATION

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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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- 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 126 minutes (remember, you are allowed 360 minutes)
  - For UW – Madison students, the average number of questions was 110 (out of 265)
  - Speed of answering is not really a concern, so take your time, but do not get “stuck” on one question.
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2013 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

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- [ww.facebook.com/NCSBNNNCLEX](ww.facebook.com/NCSBNNNCLEX)
- [twitter.com/NCLEXInfo](twitter.com/NCLEXInfo)
https://www.ncsbn.org
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
REVIEW 2000 questions.....
NCLEX Study References

• Saunders Comprehensive Review for the NCLEX-RN Examination. Text with CD-ROM for Macintosh and Windows Silvestri, Linda Anne MSN  List Price: $56.95

• Lippincott's Q&A Review for NCLEX-RN. Text with CD-ROM for Windows Billings, Diane M. RN, EdD, FAAN  List Price: $42.95

• Mosby's Comprehensive Review of Nursing for the NCLEX-RN Examination Package. Includes Textbook and Internet Access Code for eBook Download Saxton, Dolores F. RN  List Price: $78.95

• NCLEX-RN Review Made Incredibly Easy. Text with CD-ROM for Windows Springhouse  List Price: $42.95

• NCLEX-RN: Medications You Need to Know for the Exam Kaplan  List Price: $16.95

• HESI Comprehensive Review for the NCLEX-PN® Examination, 3rd Edition,  List Price: $63.95
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• **Career Services Support**
  – http://academic.son.wisc.edu/studentnet/cs_g/career_services/

• **Walk-in Hours**
  – Walk-in hours are available on Fridays from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. during the Spring 2014 semester.

• **Scheduled Appointments**
  – Students can schedule an appointment with Mary by using the WiscCal scheduler. Log in to your MY UW portal or go to: https://tools.wisccal.wisc.edu/available/ and search the public profiles.

• Students are welcome to email questions to mldrussell@wisc.edu.