

**Nursing License  
(Abbreviated Licensing Guide for New Graduates of Nursing Schools  
Located in the United States)**

Given the current COVID-19 pandemic and national and state declarations of emergency, Governor Whitmer and LARA Director, Orlene Hawks, recognize the critical need for current graduating nursing students to be licensed as quickly as possible. This information is being provided to Michigan higher education institutions and stakeholders so it can be shared with students who have successfully completed the nursing program and are ready for licensure.

Please be aware of the following instructions as it is important that applicants submit completed applications with the necessary information for LARA to expeditiously issue licenses.

**Application:**

- Online application can be completed by visiting [www.michigan.gov/miplus](http://www.michigan.gov/miplus).

**Application and License Fee:**

- RN or LPN \$208.80 (2-year license).
- RN Specialty Certification: \$40.55 or \$55.45 (Valid for up to 1 to 2 year(s) from date issued).

**Required Information:**

- Social Security Number.
- Name of School Attended and Educational Program Completed.
- School Provides:
  - Michigan Nursing School Certification Form provided directly to BPL from the school and emailed to [BPL-NurseCert@Michigan.gov](mailto:BPL-NurseCert@Michigan.gov). The **Nursing Program Completion Date** field is the date that BPL uses to qualify the student to take the NCLEX. This date is typically different from the graduation date for most schools.
  - Transcripts/Certification - Official Transcripts OR the Michigan Nursing School Certification Form, if applicable, submitted directly to BPL from the nursing school attended.
  - [Michigan Nursing School Certification Form](#)
- Passing NCLEX-RN or NCLEX-LPN Examination Scores – Score reports will be received directly to BPL from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN).

**Background Check and Good Moral Character requirements:**

- Applicants for licensure must attest that they are of Good Moral Character

- Criminal Background Check – Once the online application is completed and submitted applicant will be emailed an Application Confirmation letter containing instructions to complete the Criminal Background Check.

**Additional Information:**

Please submit information to the Bureau of Professional Licensing to [bpldata@michigan.gov](mailto:bpldata@michigan.gov)

- Note in the Subject line: Nursing Application Information.

More detailed licensing application checklist can be found at the following link:

- Nursing: [https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Nursing\\_517651\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Nursing_517651_7.pdf)

**NOTE:** Students who have completed the nursing program may apply now so long as the school provides the letter of referencing the date of completion of the program to BPL and in doing so, BPL can approve the student to take the NCLEX. This will allow a student to schedule the test date and obtain the information from BPL to get fingerprints.

**Contacts - Questions:**

BPL is in the process of setting up a remote call-center. To contact the bureau in the interim, **students** with questions about the application and/or needing assistance to apply online, please email the BPL and provide contact information as team members are ready to assist each student and will respond the same day or no later than the next workday:

[BPLHelp@michigan.gov](mailto:BPLHelp@michigan.gov)