

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE DISCLOSURE

The School of Nursing (SON) at Georgia College offers an upper-division nursing degree major (BSN) that is built on a two-year core curriculum of Liberal Arts and Sciences. A nursing master's degree (MSN) is offered with the following concentrations: Family Nurse Practitioner, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, Women's Health Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Midwifery, and Nurse Educator. Post master's certificates are offered for all of the MSN concentrations. **It is each individual's responsibility to understand, evaluate, and comply with all requirements relating to national certification exams for the state in which he or she intends to practice as requirements vary widely.**

The undergraduate nursing program is designed to satisfy the current educational requirements prescribed by the Georgia Board of Nursing. Upon successful completion of this program, the unlicensed graduate is eligible to apply for licensure as a registered professional nurse by examination. Approval for admission to the licensing examination and subsequent licensure of qualified applicants is granted by the Georgia Board of Nursing.

The undergraduate nursing program at Georgia College has full approval by the Georgia Board of Nursing (237 Coliseum Dr., Macon, GA 31217-3858; Phone: 478-207-2440). The BSN, MSN, Post Graduate, and Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) programs are accredited by the [Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education](#) (655 K Street, NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC, 202-463-6930).

The School of Nursing at Georgia College has determined that completion of the Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, Women's Health Nurse Practitioner, and Nurse Midwifery) MSN degree or Graduate Certificate prepares a student to take one of the following national certification exams: American Academy of Nurse Practitioners National Certification Board (AANPCB), American Nurses Credentialing Center Program (ANCC), American Midwifery Certification Board, or the National Certification Corporation (NCC) one of which is required to apply for state certification in all 50 states and U.S. protectorates. Each nursing board will also assess clinical hours and may require additional state specific courses. For a list of the national licensing boards, see the American Association of Nurse Practitioner's [AANP Student Resources page](#). For a list of the state professional licensing boards for nursing, see the [National Council of State Boards of Nursing \(NCSBN\) member contact page](#).

As of July 1, 2020, the U.S. Department of Education implemented new regulations that professional nursing programs (RN and APRN) must adhere to which require the nursing program to provide you with the following:

- a list of all states/jurisdictions where the institution's curriculum **meets** state educational requirements for professional licensure or certification,
- a list of all states/jurisdictions where the institution's curriculum **does not meet** state educational requirements for professional licensure or certification, and
- a list of all states/jurisdictions where the institution has **not made a determination** of whether the curriculum meets educational requirements.

Upon successful completion of the BSN program, a graduate will seek application for initial Registered Nurse (RN) licensure by examination. For the MSN or Post-Graduate Certificate APRN graduate, the process for seeking licensure as an APRN in the different states can be complex and often requires licensure as an RN then obtainment of the APRN licensure. Most states require national board examination.

This process varies for each state and U.S. territory. Contact information (link or address and phone number) is provided for each US state or territory below. Graduates requesting first time nursing licensure application must complete several steps. To begin the licensure application process, search the particular state board of nursing website for the application.

Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) increases access to care while maintaining public protection at the state level. Under the NLC licensure agreements, RNs can practice in other NLC states, without having to obtain additional licenses. Georgia is a member of the NLC. If you have a GA Compact License and can pass other state requirements (criminal background check, drug screen, etc.) then you can easily work as an RN in a state that is part of the NLC. In many states, having a NLC License will allow you to apply for the state's APRN license (be sure to check with the BON). States in the compact are noted with NLC. Meeting the requirements of other states not in the NLC are shown with a star. Those states with specific requirements that cannot be obtained from our university are shown using an X.

BSN Program				APRN Programs			
US State or Territory	YES		NO	YES		NO	BON Website
Alabama	NLC			★			Alabama BON
Alaska	★			★			Alaska BON
American Samoa			✕ No information available			✕ No information available	ASBON
Arizona	NLC			★			Arizona BON

Arkansas	NLC			★ Experienced RNs only	 Requires 5 years practice hours as an RN before APRN status granted.	Arkansas BON
California	★			★		California Board of RN
Colorado	NLC			★ mentorship requirements , liability requirements , practice hour requirements and other requirements		Colorado BON
Connecticut	NLC			★		Connecticut State Dept. of PH
Delaware	NLC			★ mentored for 4000 hours		Delaware BON
District of Columbia	★			★		DC Health Dept
Florida	NLC			★ Also needs 2 hour course on medical errors		Florida BON
Georgia	NLC			★		GA BON
Guam	★ NLC Pending			★		Guam BON
Hawaii	★			★		Hawaii BON
Idaho	NLC			★		Idaho BON
Illinois	★ NLC Pending			★ written collab. agreement needed		Illinois BON
Indiana	NLC			★ written collab. agreement needed		Indiana Professional Licensing Agency
Iowa	NLC			★		Iowa BON

Kansas	NLC					 Rules unclear. Seems to require 45 credit hour program but may obtain if you have license from another state. Post MSN programs may not meet requirements – unclear.	Kansas Statutes
Kentucky	NLC			★ Must pass exam on Kentucky law			Kentucky BON
Louisiana	NLC			★			Louisiana BON
Maine	NLC			★			Maine BON
Maryland	NLC			★ New Grad needs a mentor APRN or MD			Maryland BON
Massachusetts	★			★			Mass BON
Michigan	★ In 2022 - need training in ID of human trafficking victims			★ In 2022 - need training in ID of human trafficking victims			Michigan LARA
Minnesota	★ NLC Pending			★			Minnesota Rules
Mississippi	NLC			★ written collab. agreement needed			Mississippi BON
Missouri	NLC			★			Missouri BON
Montana	NLC			★			Montana SOS
Nebraska	NLC			★			Nebraska Dept of Health
Nevada	★			★			Nevada Nursing R&R
New Hampshire	NLC			★			NH BON
New Jersey	NLC			★			NJ Statutes

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New Mexico	NLC			★ NPs by BON ★ Midwives governed by Dept. of Public Health – must pass exam on midwifery laws in NM			NMBON NM Health Dept
New York	★					Pharm course stipulations ut NY law	NY Office of Professions
North Carolina	NLC			★			NCBON
North Dakota	NLC			★			NDBON
Northern Mariana Islands	★			★ Collab. Agreement needed			CNMI Law
Ohio				★ Collab. Agreement needed			Ohio BON
	NLC						
Oklahoma	NLC			★			OK BON
Oregon	★			★			Oregon BON
Pennsylvania	NLC			★			PA BON
Puerto Rico			✕ Spanish is needed			Spanish is ded	PR Dept of Gov.
Rhode Island	NLC			★			RI Dept. of Health
South Carolina	NLC			★			SC BON
South Dakota	NLC			★			SD Gov
Tennessee	NLC			★			TN BON
Texas	NLC			★			Texas BON
Utah	NLC			NM, WHNP		PMHNP requires 4000 PMH education hours 3000 after passing boards	Utah BON Rules

Vermont	NLC		★ Mentor for 24 mo.			Vermont BON
Virgin Islands	★ Partial Implementation		★			VI Nurse Practice Act
Virginia	NLC		★			Virginia BON
Washington	NLC		★			Washington St. Legislature
West Virginia	NLC		★			WVBON
Wisconsin	NLC		★ Must pass exam over Wisconsin APRN nursing law			WIBON
Wyoming	NLC		★			Wyoming BON