



## Support Assembly Bill 108

### About

Nevada is short more than **7,500 nurses** (KLAS). With the current model of licensure, it takes about **51 days** to recruit a new nurse and **4-5 days** to secure a Nevada license (KLAS). This model is not sufficient to meet the current needs of Nevadans. Nevada needs the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) to combat systemic nursing shortages and enable nurses to provide life-saving care to Nevadans immediately.

The NLC allows registered nurses (RNs) and licensed practical/vocational nurses (LPN/VNs) to have one multistate license, with the privilege to practice in their home state and other NLC states without obtaining additional licenses.

### Proven, Safe and Efficient

- The NLC has been operational and successful for more than 20 years and continues to grow each year.
- All the safeguards that are built into Nevada's licensing process are required before a nurse is issued a multistate license.
- The NLC has uniform licensure requirements so that all states can be confident that new nurses practicing within the NLC have met a set of minimum requirements, regardless of the home state in which they are licensed.
- All states that participate in the NLC conduct federal criminal background checks to determine eligibility for a multistate license.

### Benefits of the NLC

- **Access to Care:** Expands access to nursing services across the country quickly and efficiently, which is essential for the health of many underserved communities.
- **Telehealth:** Enables nurses to practice in person or provide telehealth nursing services to patients located across the country without having to obtain additional licenses.
- **Disaster/Pandemic Relief:** Allows nurses to immediately cross state borders and provide vital services in the event of a natural disaster or other emergency, without the need to wait for a declaration of emergency.
- **Military Families:** Allows military spouse nurses to seamlessly continue working without having to obtain a new license each time they relocate to bases such as Nellis Air Force Base.
- **Online Education:** Facilitates online nursing education by reducing educators' need for multiple licenses.
- **Cost Effective:** Nurses do not have to obtain additional nursing licenses, making practicing across state borders affordable and convenient.
- **Flexible Licensure:** Allows nurses who are ineligible for a multistate license to still obtain a single-state license based on their state's requirements and statutes.

A 2022 Survey of nurses licensed in Nevada found that  
**92% SUPPORT**  
enacting the **NLC**

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to Nevada  
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## Supporters for the NLC in Nevada

- AARP Nevada
- Department of Defense
- Nevada Action Coalition
- Nevada Health Care Association & Center for Assisted Living
- Nevada Hospital Association
- Nevada Nurses Association
- Nevada Rural Health Partners
- Nevada State Board of Nursing
- Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE): Workforce Development
- The Perry Foundation
- Philippine Nurses Association of Nevada
- UNLV Student Nurses Association

### Education:

- Carrington College, Reno
- Chamberlain College of Nursing
- Great Basin College
- Roseman University of Health Sciences
- Truckee Meadows Community College
- Unitek College, Reno Campus
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- University of Nevada, Reno

### Hospitals:

- Carson Tahoe Health
- Centennial Hills Hospital
- HCA Healthcare – Far West Division
- Northern Nevada Medical Center
- Renown Health
- Spring Valley Hospital Medical Center
- Sunrise Hospital
- University Medical Center

### National:

- Alliance for Connected Care
- American Organization for Nursing Leadership (AONL)
- American Telemedicine Association (ATA)
- Asian American/ Pacific Islander Nurses Association
- CGFNS International
- National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN)
- National Governors Association Center for Best Practices
- National League for Nursing
- National Military Family Association
- National Patient Safety Foundation
- National Student Nurses' Association
- U.S. Department of Commerce