

Nevada State Board of NURSING

RN/LPN Licensure Requirements After 5 Years of Inactivity

Nevada law requires nurses that have not practiced nursing during the immediately preceding 5-year period to complete a course or program approved by the Board to qualify for licensure. An applicant may choose to retake and pass the NCLEX in lieu of completing a refresher program.

Option 1: Complete a refresher program*

Select a program to complete. The refresher program includes both the theory and clinical experience. There is one approved program in Nevada (listed below); however, we will also accept a refresher program that has been approved by any other board of nursing. You must contact the program directly for details regarding their individual programs. **Students should not enroll in theory for online courses until they have secured a clinical site.**

- College of Southern Nevada - RN/LPN - Las Vegas, Nevada - Classroom/Clinical - (702) 651-5649 - <https://www.csn.edu/health-sciences>

The Nevada State Board of Nursing will also accept a refresher program that has been approved by another board of nursing.

1. Once you have completed the theory portion of the program you must submit an application to the Board through your Nevada Nurse Portal.
2. Send a copy of your certificate of completion for your theory instruction to the Board through the message center in your nurse portal account.
3. Once your application and proof of theory instruction has been received you will be issued a temporary license which can be verified on our website under online verification. This temporary license is for use in completing the clinical portion of your refresher program only.
4. If you fingerprinted more than 5 years ago you will be required to fingerprint before your permanent license may be issued. We will send you a message indicating if you are required to fingerprint within 48 hours after you have submitted your renewal application.
5. Complete your clinicals and upload a copy of your certificate of completion through the message center in your nurse portal account.
6. You will be issued a permanent license once we have received your application, proof that you completed the refresher program and your fingerprints have been submitted, if required.



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Option 2: Retake the NCLEX*

1. Submit an application to the Board through your Nevada Nurse Portal
2. If you fingerprinted more than 5 years ago you will be required to fingerprint before your permanent license may be issued. We will send you a message indicating if you are required to fingerprint within 48 hours after you have submitted your application.
3. Send a message to the Board through the message center in your nurse portal account that you are opting to retake the NCLEX
4. Board staff must contact NCSBN to begin your registration. Please allow approximately one week for this process to be completed.
5. Once you have been given approval to test by NCSBN you must pay the NCLEX fee at www.pearsonvue.com/NCLEX. You will be contacted via email and your nurse portal account once you are given approval to test. Please visit <https://www.ncsbn.org/nclex.htm> for additional information regarding the exam.
6. You will be issued a permanent license once we have received your application, official exam results showing that you passed the NCLEX and your fingerprints have been submitted, if required.

Resources:

NCLEX information: <https://www.ncsbn.org/nclex.htm>

College of Southern Nevada Refresher: <https://www.csn.edu/health-sciences>

Pearson VUE: <https://home.pearsonvue.com/>

* All applicants must also comply with all application requirements identified in the application including but not limited to, continuing education, fingerprinting, clearance of criminal convictions, etc.

*If you have not practiced nursing within the last five years and your license has been Revoked or Surrendered, please contact the Monitoring and Probation Investigator at 775-687-7723 prior to enrolling in a refresher program.