

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 theory and clinical experience. There is one approved program located 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>
- IALN - RN/LPN - Boise, Idaho - Correspondence/Clinical - [Nurse Refresher Program](#)
- Sura College Scottsdale, AZ <https://www.sura.edu/registered-nurse-refresher-program/>

The above list is NOT all inclusive. The Nevada State Board of Nursing will also accept a refresher program that has been approved by another board of nursing if the program meets our minimum requirements. You may contact our office at 888-590-6726 if you have additional questions regarding a specific refresher program.

1. Submit an application to the Board through your Nevada Nurse Portal. In the application you will be asked if you have practiced nursing within the previous five years. Once you select no, you will have the option to select “Refresher Program” as your return to practice option.
2. Enroll in and complete the theory portion of your refresher program.
3. Send a copy of your certificate of completion for your theory instruction to the Board through the message center in your nurse portal account.
4. Once your application and proof of theory instruction have 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.
5. Complete your clinicals and upload a copy of your certificate of completion through the message center in your nurse portal account.
6. If you fingerprinted more than 5 years ago (renewal applicants) or have never fingerprinted for the Nevada Board (initial applicants), you must fingerprint before your permanent license may be issued.

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7. You will be issued a permanent license once we have received proof that you have completed the refresher program and completed all other application requirements.

Option 2: Retake the NCLEX*

1. Submit an application to the Board through your Nevada Nurse Portal. In the application you will be asked if you have practiced nursing within the previous five years. Once you select no, you will have the option to select “Retake NCLEX” as your return to practice option.
2. Board staff must contact NCSBN to begin your registration. Please allow approximately one week after your application has been submitted for this process to be completed.
3. Once you have been given approval to test by NCSBN you must pay the NCLEX fee at <https://nclex.com/>. You will be contacted via email and your nurse portal account once you are given approval to test. Please visit <https://nclex.com/> for additional information regarding the exam.
4. If you fingerprinted more than 5 years ago (renewal applicants) or have never fingerprinted for the Nevada Board (initial applicants), you must fingerprint before your permanent license may be issued.
5. You will be issued a permanent license once we have received official exam results showing that you passed the NCLEX and all other application requirements have been completed.

Resources:

NCLEX information: <https://nclex.com/>

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

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

* Applicants must also comply with all other application requirements for initial or renewal licensure, 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.