

WAC 246-840-030 Initial licensure by examination for RN and LPN —Traditional nursing education program approved by another U.S. jurisdiction. Registered nurse (RN) and licensed practical nurse (LPN) applicants educated in a traditional nursing education program approved by another United States (U.S.) jurisdiction and applying for initial licensure by examination shall:

(1) Have completed a nursing education program in another U.S. jurisdiction, which substantially meets requirements for nursing education approved in Washington state. The board retains authority to evaluate and determine the sufficiency of academic preparation for all applicants. LPN applicants who have completed part of an approved RN nursing education program shall follow WAC 246-840-033.

(2) Have an official transcript sent directly from the applicant's nursing education program to the board. Transcripts must be received no later than 90 days after the applicant's first attempt at the board-approved licensure examination.

The transcript must:

(a) Include the applicant's dates of enrollment, course names, earned credits, date of graduation, and the credential conferred, if applicable. If credits have been accepted from other programs, the transcript must identify those programs; and

(b) Show that the applicant has graduated from a nursing education program approved by another U.S. jurisdiction or that the applicant has completed the prelicensure portion of an approved graduate-entry RN program. The nursing education program must substantially meet the requirements of nursing education approved in Washington state at the time of graduation as determined by the board.

(3) Pass the board-approved licensure examination as provided in WAC 246-840-050.

(4) Submit a completed licensure application with the required fee as specified in WAC 246-840-990.

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