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This document is designed to complement your research on the educational and certification prerequisites for pursuing a career as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) on a state-by-state basis.

Educational Preparation: Students who complete the Associate in Nursing program at Forsyth Technical Community College become eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Licensed Practical Nurses (NCLEX-RN).

Licensure Compact and Multistate License Eligibility: Nurses can potentially obtain a multistate license if their primary state of residence (PSOR) is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) and they meet the uniform licensure requirements (ULR). The NLC is an essential agreement among states to facilitate the practice of allied health professionals across state lines. Rather than requiring professionals in these roles to apply for a new, state-specific license each time they move, a licensure compact provides one license that allows practice in multiple states.

Status of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC): As of now, the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) includes most states and U.S. territories, with additional locations awaiting pending legislation to become an NLC state. This means that Licensed Practical Nurses, vocational nurses, and practical nurses residing in an NLC member-state can readily practice across state lines.

Nurses & the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) Information: For individuals who have completed a board-approved nursing program and successfully passed the National Council Licensure Examination for Licensed Practical Nurses (NCLEX-RN), the following chart is relevant. It's important to note that additional requirements may apply for each specific state, such as applications, documentation, licensing fees, liability insurance, and continuing education courses.

Note: The chart that follows is applicable to those who have completed the Associate Degree Nursing program **and** have successfully passed the National Council Licensure Examination for Licensed Practical Nurses (NCLEX-RN). Additional state-specific requirements may include applications, documentation, licensing fees, liability insurance, and ongoing continuing education courses.

**Disclaimer:** It is crucial to acknowledge that laws and regulations in the field of Nursing are subject to constant change. For the most current information and requirements, we strongly advise you to consult the specific state board or agency responsible for Nursing licensure. Additionally, we have provided links for your convenience, directing you to further information about each state and territory.

State	Meets state educational requirements (with NCLEX-RN certification)	Does not meet educational requirements	Notes/Contact Information
American Samoa		X	Phone: (684) 633 - 1222 Link: <a href="#">American Samoa Board of Nursing</a>  <u>Summary:</u> American Samoa is <b>not</b> a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC). Nurses planning to work in American Samoa must apply to the Board of Nursing for licensure.
Alabama	X		Phone: (800) 656 - 5318 Link: <a href="#">Alabama State Board of Nursing</a> Email: <a href="mailto:abn@abn.alabama.gov">abn@abn.alabama.gov</a>  <u>Summary:</u> Alabama is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).

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Alaska		X	<p>Phone: (907) 269 - 8892  Link: <a href="#">Alaska State Board of Nursing</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:lisa.maroney@alaska.gov">lisa.maroney@alaska.gov</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Alaska is <b>not</b> a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) but has legislation pending to join the Nurse Licensure Compact.</p>
Arizona	X		<p>Phone: (602) 771 - 7800  Link: <a href="#">Arizona State Board of Nursing</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:verifications@azbn.gov">verifications@azbn.gov</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Arizona is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).</p>
Arkansas	X		<p>Phone: (501) 686 - 2700  Link: <a href="#">Arkansas State Board of Nursing</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:ASBN.info@Arkansas.gov">ASBN.info@Arkansas.gov</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Arkansas is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).</p>

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California		X	<p>Phone: (916) 322 - 3350  Link: <a href="#">California State Board of Nursing</a>  Email: (916) 322-3350</p> <p><u>Summary:</u> California is <b>not</b> a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC). To qualify for endorsement into California as an RN, you must hold a current and active RN license in another state, U.S. territory, or Canada, have completed an educational program meeting all California requirements, and have passed the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN®) or the State Board Test Pool Examination (SBTPE).</p>
Colorado	X		<p>Phone: (303) 894 - 7800  Link: <a href="#">Colorado State Board of Nursing</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:dora_dpo_licensing@state.co.us">dora_dpo_licensing@state.co.us</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Colorado is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).</p>

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Connecticut		X	<p>Phone: (860) 509 - 7624  Link: <a href="#">Connecticut State Board of Nursing</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:oplcdph@ct.gov">oplcdph@ct.gov</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Connecticut is <b>not</b> a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC). Nurses holding a current license issued by a state or territory of the United States that does not require successful completion of the NCLEX examination must meet the Connecticut requirements for licensure by examination.</p>
Delaware	X		<p>Phone: (302) 744 - 4500  Link: <a href="#">Delaware State Board of Nursing</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:customerservice.dpr@delaware.gov">customerservice.dpr@delaware.gov</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Delaware is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).</p>
District of Columbia		X	<p>Phone: (877) 672 - 2174  Link: <a href="#">District of Columbia Board of Nursing</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:doh@dc.gov">doh@dc.gov</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> District of Columbia is <b>not</b> a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).</p>

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Florida	X		<p>Phone: (850) 245 - 4125  Link: <a href="#">Florida State Board of Nursing</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:health@flhealth.gov">health@flhealth.gov</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Florida is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).</p>
Georgia	X		<p>Phone: (844) 753 - 7825  Link: <a href="#">Georgia State Board of Nursing</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:plb@sos.ga.gov">plb@sos.ga.gov</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Georgia is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).</p>
Guam	X		<p>Phone: (671) 735 - 74009 ext. 12  Link: <a href="#">Guam Board of Nursing</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:rosemary.carman@dphss.guam.gov">rosemary.carman@dphss.guam.gov</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Pending tentative implementation in 2023. Nurses holding a multistate license in other NLC states may now practice in Guam. Guam residents cannot obtain a multistate license until implementation is complete.</p>

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Hawaii		X	Phone: (808) 586 - 3000 Link: <a href="#">Hawaii State Board of Nursing</a> Email: <a href="mailto:pvl@dcca.hawaii.gov">pvl@dcca.hawaii.gov</a>  <u>Summary:</u> Hawaii is <b>not</b> a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).
Idaho	X		Phone: (208) 577 - 2476 Link: <a href="#">Idaho State Board of Nursing</a> Email: <a href="mailto:HP-Licensing@dopl.idaho.gov">HP-Licensing@dopl.idaho.gov</a>  <u>Summary:</u> Idaho is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).
Illinois		X	Phone: (800) 560 - 6420 Link: <a href="#">Illinois State Board of Nursing</a> Email:  <u>Summary:</u> Illinois is <b>not</b> a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).

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Indiana	X		<p>Phone: (317) 234 - 2043  Link: <a href="#">Indiana State Board of Nursing</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:pla2@pla.IN.gov">pla2@pla.IN.gov</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Indiana is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).</p>
Iowa	X		<p>Phone: (515) 281 - 3255  Link: <a href="#">Iowa State Board of Nursing</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:newnurse@iowa.gov">newnurse@iowa.gov</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Iowa is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).</p>
Kansas	X		<p>Phone: (785) 296 - 4929  Link: <a href="#">Kansas State Board of Nursing</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:carol.moreland@ks.gov">carol.moreland@ks.gov</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Kansas is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).</p>



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Kentucky	X		<p>Phone: (502) 429 - 3300  Link: <a href="#">Kentucky State Board of Nursing</a>  Email: <a href="#">Submit Form to Contact Kentucky State Board of Nursing</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Kentucky is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).</p>
Louisiana	X		<p>Phone: (225) 755 - 7500  Link: <a href="#">Louisiana State Board of Nursing</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:Endorsements@Lsbn.State.La.Us">Endorsements@Lsbn.State.La.Us</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Louisiana is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).</p>
Maine	X		<p>Phone: (207) 287 - 1133  Link: <a href="#">Maine State Board of Nursing</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:Rebecca.Stenger@maine.gov">Rebecca.Stenger@maine.gov</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Maine is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).</p>

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Maryland	X		<p>Phone: (410) 585 - 1900  Link: <a href="#">Maryland State Board of Nursing</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:MDBON.NETS@maryland.gov">MDBON.NETS@maryland.gov</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Maryland is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).</p>
Massachusetts		X	<p>Phone: (877) 887 - 9727  Link: <a href="#">Massachusetts State Board of Nursing</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:nursing.admin@state.ma.us">nursing.admin@state.ma.us</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Massachusetts is <b>not</b> a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).</p>
Michigan		X	<p>Phone: (517) 241 - 0199  Link: <a href="#">Michigan State Board of Nursing</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:BPLHelp@michigan.gov">BPLHelp@michigan.gov</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Michigan is <b>not</b> a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC); however, nurses can obtain their Michigan nursing license by examination or endorsement.  Licensed Practical Nurse must apply for their Michigan nursing license online via the <a href="#">online portal MIPLUS</a>.</p>

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Minnesota		X	<p>Phone: (612) 317 - 3000  Link: <a href="#">Minnesota State Board of Nursing</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:Nursing.Board@state.mn.us">Nursing.Board@state.mn.us</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Minnesota is <b>not</b> a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).</p>
Mississippi	X		<p>Phone: (601) 957 - 6300  Link: <a href="#">Mississippi State Board of Nursing</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:tgreenlaw@msbn.ms.gov">tgreenlaw@msbn.ms.gov</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Mississippi is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).</p>
Missouri	X		<p>Phone: (573) 751 - 0681  Link: <a href="#">Missouri State Board of Nursing</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:nursing@pr.mo.gov">nursing@pr.mo.gov</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Missouri is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).</p>

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Montana	X		<p>Phone: (406) 841 - 2300  Link: <a href="#">Montana State Board of Nursing</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:DLIBSDHELP@MT.GOV">DLIBSDHELP@MT.GOV</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Montana is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).</p>
Nebraska	X		<p>Phone: (402) 471 - 4376  Link: <a href="#">Nebraska State Board of Nursing</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:DHHS.NursingOffice@nebraska.gov">DHHS.NursingOffice@nebraska.gov</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Nebraska is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).</p>
Nevada		X	<p>Phone: (775) 687 - 7700  Link: <a href="#">Nevada State Board of Nursing</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:Nursingboard@nsbn.state.nv.us">Nursingboard@nsbn.state.nv.us</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Nevada is <b>not</b> a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).</p>

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New Hampshire	X		<p>Phone: (603) 271 - 2152  Link: <a href="#">New Hampshire State Board of Nursing</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:customersupport@oplc.nh.gov">customersupport@oplc.nh.gov</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> New Hampshire is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).</p>
New Jersey	X		<p>Phone: (973) 504 - 6430  Link: <a href="#">New Jersey State Board of Nursing</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:NursingUpdates@dca.lps.state.nj.us">NursingUpdates@dca.lps.state.nj.us</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> New Jersey is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).</p>
New Mexico	X		<p>Phone: (505) 841 - 8340  Link: <a href="#">New Mexico State Board of Nursing</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:bon.licensing@bon.nm.gov">bon.licensing@bon.nm.gov</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> New Mexico is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).</p>

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New York		X	<p>Phone: (518) 474 - 3817 Ext 570  Link: <a href="#">New York State Board of Nursing</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:NURSEBD@nysed.gov">NURSEBD@nysed.gov</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> New York is <b>not</b> a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).</p>
North Carolina	X		<p>Phone: (919) 782 - 3211  Link: <a href="#">North Carolina State Board of Nursing</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> North Carolina is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).</p>
North Dakota	X		<p>Phone: (701) 751 - 3000  Link: <a href="#">North Dakota State Board of Nursing</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:contactus@ndbon.org">contactus@ndbon.org</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> North Dakota is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).</p>

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Northern Mariana Islands		X	<p>Phone: (670) 233 - 2263  Link: <a href="#">Northern Mariana Islands Board of Nursing</a>  Email: <a href="https://nmibon.info/contact-us/">https://nmibon.info/contact-us/</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Northern Mariana Islands are <b>not</b> a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).</p>
Ohio	X		<p>Phone: (614) 466 - 3947  Link: <a href="#">Ohio State Board of Nursing</a>  Email: <a href="https://nursing.ohio.gov/about-us/contact-us">https://nursing.ohio.gov/about-us/contact-us</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Ohio is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).</p>
Oklahoma	X		<p>Phone: (405) 962 - 1800  Link: <a href="#">Oklahoma State Board of Nursing</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:obnwebmaster@nursing.ok.gov">obnwebmaster@nursing.ok.gov</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Oklahoma is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).</p>

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Oregon		X	<p>Phone: (971) 673 - 0685  Link: <a href="#">Oregon State Board of Nursing</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:oregon.bn.info@osbn.oregon.gov">oregon.bn.info@osbn.oregon.gov</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Oregon is <b>not</b> a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).</p>
Pennsylvania	X		<p>Phone: (717) 783 - 7142  Link: <a href="#">Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:ST-NURSE@pa.gov">ST-NURSE@pa.gov</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Pennsylvania is <b>not</b> a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC). Criminal background checks must also be completed. The state is awaiting approval of criminal background checks from the FBI.</p>
Puerto Rico		X	<p>Phone: (787) 765 - 2929  Link: <a href="#">Puerto Rico Nursing Information</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:contactus@salud.pr.gov">contactus@salud.pr.gov</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Puerto Rico is <b>not</b> a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).</p>



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Rhode Island		X	<p>Phone: (401) 222 - 5700  Link: <a href="#">Rhode Island State Department of Health</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:doh.elicense@health.ri.gov">doh.elicense@health.ri.gov</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> The NLC legislation became law on June 24, 2023. Rhode Island residents cannot obtain a multistate license until NLC implementation is complete. Nurses holding a multistate license in other NLC states may not practice in Rhode Island until implementation is complete. Once an implementation date is known, this information will be updated, and the date will be publicized.</p>
South Carolina	X		<p>Phone: (808) 896 - 4550  Link: <a href="#">South Carolina State Board of Nursing</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:nurseboard@llr.sc.gov">nurseboard@llr.sc.gov</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> South Carolina is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).</p>
South Dakota	X		<p>Phone: (605) 362-2760  Link: <a href="#">South Dakota Board of Nursing</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:sdbon@state.sd.us">sdbon@state.sd.us</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> South Dakota is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).</p>

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Tennessee	X		<p>Phone: (615) 532-5166  Link: <a href="#">Tennessee State Board of Nursing</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:Nursing.Health@tn.gov">Nursing.Health@tn.gov</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Tennessee is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).</p>
Texas	X		<p>Phone: (512) 305-7400  Link: <a href="#">Texas State Board of Nursing</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:webmaster@bon.texas.gov">webmaster@bon.texas.gov</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Texas is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).</p>
US Virgin Islands	X		<p>Phone: (340) 249 - 0684  Link: <a href="#">Virgin Island Board of Nurse Licensure</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:vinurseinfo@bnl.vi.gov">vinurseinfo@bnl.vi.gov</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> US Virgin Islands are a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).</p>

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Utah	X		<p>Phone: (801) 530-6628  Link: <a href="#">Utah State Board of Nursing</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:b7@utah.gov">b7@utah.gov</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Utah is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).</p>
Vermont	X		<p>Phone: (802) 828-1505  Link: <a href="#">Vermont State Board of Nursing</a>  Email: <a href="https://sos.vermont.gov/opr/about-opr/contact-us/">https://sos.vermont.gov/opr/about-opr/contact-us/</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Vermont is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).</p>
Virginia	X		<p>Phone: (804) 367-4515  Link: <a href="#">Virginia State Board of Nursing</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:nursebd@dhp.virginia.gov">nursebd@dhp.virginia.gov</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Virginia is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).</p>

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Washington	X		<p>Phone: (360) 236-4703  Link: <a href="#">Washington State Board of Nursing</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:nursing@doh.wa.gov">nursing@doh.wa.gov</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Washington is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).</p>
West Virginia	X		<p>Phone: (304) 744-0900  Link: <a href="#">West Virginia State Board of Nursing</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:rnboard@wv.gov">rnboard@wv.gov</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> West Virginia is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).</p>
Wisconsin	X		<p>Phone: (608) 266-2112  Link: <a href="#">Wisconsin Board of Nursing</a>  Email: <a href="mailto:dsps@wi.gov">dsps@wi.gov</a></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> Wisconsin is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).</p>

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Wyoming	X		Phone: (307) 777-7601 Link: <a href="#">Wyoming State Board of Nursing</a> Email: <a href="mailto:wsbn-info-licensing@wyo.gov">wsbn-info-licensing@wyo.gov</a>  <u>Summary:</u> Wyoming is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).