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**Requirements and application for licensure by examination as a nurse.**

- (A) The NCLEX-RN shall be the approved examination for licensure as a registered nurse in Ohio.
- (B) The NCLEX-PN shall be the approved examination for licensure as a licensed practical nurse in Ohio.
- (C) To apply for licensure by examination to practice nursing as a registered nurse in Ohio, an applicant shall have successfully completed a registered nursing education program that satisfies one of the following:
- (1) Is approved by the board ~~in accordance with~~according to section 4723.06 of the Revised Code and Chapter 4723-5 of the Administrative Code;
  - (2) Is approved by a jurisdiction of the national council of state boards of nursing;  
or
  - (3) Has been determined to be acceptable by the board for a foreign educated nurse graduate ~~in accordance with~~according to rule 4723-7-04 of the Administrative Code.
- (D) To apply for licensure by examination to practice nursing as a licensed practical nurse in Ohio, an applicant must have successfully completed a practical nursing education program that satisfies one of the following:
- (1) Is approved by the board ~~in accordance with~~according to section 4723.06 of the Revised Code and Chapter 4723-5 of the Administrative Code;
  - (2) Is approved by a jurisdiction of the national council of state boards of nursing;  
or
  - (3) Has been determined to be acceptable by the board for a foreign educated nurse graduate ~~in accordance with~~according to rule 4723-7-04 of the Administrative Code.
- (E) In addition to the requirements set forth in paragraphs (C) and (D) of this rule, an applicant for licensure by examination shall ~~comply with all of the following~~:
- (1) Submit to the board a completed application ~~in a on the~~ form required by the board;

- (2) ~~In accordance with~~ As required by section 4723.09 of the Revised Code, submit to a criminal records check completed by the bureau of criminal identification and investigation ~~in a form prescribed by the board~~ the results of which indicate that the individual has not been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or had a judicial finding of guilt for any violation set forth in section 4723.09 of the Revised Code;
  - (3) Submit to the board the applicable licensure application fee ~~as set forth in~~ required by section 4723.08 of the Revised Code; and
  - (4) Complete the registration process for examination required by the testing service.
- (F) ~~In addition to meeting the applicable requirements set forth in this rule, prior~~ Prior to the board determining an applicant is eligible to take an examination, the board shall have received the following:
- (1) For an applicant who has successfully completed an Ohio nursing education program approved by the board ~~in accordance with section 4723.06 of the Revised Code and Chapter 4723-5 of the Administrative Code~~, written notification of the applicant's completion of the program, submitted directly by the education program administrator or designee to the board, ~~in accordance with~~ according to paragraph (B)(9) of rule 4723-5-09 of the Administrative Code. If the program has closed, the board may accept a copy of the applicant's official transcript certified to be a true copy by the custodian of the original transcript, instead of a program completion letter.
  - (2) For an applicant who has successfully completed a nursing education program approved by a jurisdiction of the national council of state boards of nursing, other than Ohio, an official transcript from the nursing education program submitted directly by the education program administrator or designee to the board that sets forth the completed program requirements and the date on which it was completed. If the program has closed, the board may accept other documentation evidencing that the applicant's educational preparation is substantially similar to that required for programs approved by the board.
  - (3) For an applicant who is a foreign educated nurse graduate, the information set forth in paragraph (A) of rule 4723-7-04 of the Administrative Code.
- (G) The board may propose to deny admission to the licensure examination pursuant to an adjudication under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. Based on the results of the adjudication, the board may grant admission to the licensure examination, deny

admission to the licensure examination, or condition admission to the licensure examination on the applicant's successful correction of the area of deficiency identified by the board.

- (H) If an application for licensure by examination submitted to the board remains incomplete for one year, the application shall be considered void and the fee submitted with the application shall be forfeited. All applications provided or ~~prescribed~~required by the board shall state this limitation.

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