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

[Comment: Information regarding the availability and effective date of the materials incorporated by reference in this rule can be found in paragraph (G) of rule 4723-1-03 of the Administrative Code.]

- (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 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 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 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 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:

- (1) Submit to the board a completed "Nursing Licensure by Examination Application" ~~application on the form required by the board, located at <http://www.nursing.ohio.gov/forms.htm> (revised October 2013);~~
  - (2) 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 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 4723.092 of the Revised Code;
  - (3) As required by section 4723.09 of the Revised Code, not be required to register under Chapter 2950. of the Revised Code or a substantially similar law of another state, the United States, or another country;
  - (4) Submit to the board the applicable licensure application fee required by section 4723.08 of the Revised Code; and
  - (5) Complete the registration process for examination required by the testing service.
- (F) 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, written notification of the applicant's completion of the program, submitted directly by the education program administrator or designee to the board, 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 applicant application for licensure by examination fails to meet the requirements for licensure within one year from the date the application is received, or the application 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. The All applications application shall state the circumstances under which forfeiture may occur provided or required by the board shall state this limitation.

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