

Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC)

- Beginning January 1, 2023, Ohio will join the NLC.
- All new RN/LPN applicants who meet eligibility requirements may apply for a multi-state license (MSL) in Ohio.
- Ohio nurses with MSLs will be authorized to practice in other participating NLC states.



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RN/LPN Licensure Exam Process

Nursing Students



Complete Application Materials

- Your application for examination in [eLicense](#) no more than 60 days before graduation.
- Your letter of completion submitted by [your program](#) upon graduation.
- Your complete criminal background check processed through [BCI](#). Make sure to select OBN as the [Direct Copy Receiver](#)!

Questions about the status of your application? You can check by logging into your State of Ohio eLicense account!

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Tips for Licensure Success



- Complete your application for licensure by examination in [eLicense](#) no more than 60 days before graduation.
- Share your application number, in the correct format, with your [program advisor](#).
- Begin your criminal background check ([including FBI](#)) through Ohio BCI approximately 60 days before graduation.
 - Select OBN as the [Direct Copy Receiver](#) on all background check forms. No paper submissions please.
- Your letter of completion will be sent by [your program](#) when you graduate.
- The [Ohio Board of Nursing](#) will make you exam eligible once all required materials are received.
- Make sure to use your legal name on your application and when registering with Pearson VUE. Your name must match exactly to receive your Authorization to Test (ATT).
- Your ATT will come directly from [Pearson VUE](#).
- Sign up for the NCLEX as soon as possible after receiving your ATT.

Licensing Resources

01.

State of Ohio eLicense

Complete and submit your Application for Licensure by Examination through your state of [Ohio eLicense](#) account using your legal name & your personal email (not your school email).

02.

Your Program

Share your application number with your program/academic advisor. Following your graduation, your program will send your letter of completion.

03.

Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI)

Complete a Criminal Records Check that includes [both the BCI and FBI components](#). Select OBN as the DIRECT COPY RECEIVER. **Use Code: ORC 4723.091**

04.

Ohio Board of Nursing (OBN)

When all required application materials are received, OBN will email to confirm you are exam eligible.

05.

Pearson VUE

Register with Pearson VUE through its website: home.pearsonvue.com. This is a separate registration from your licensure application. Pearson VUE will issue your ATT.