Licensed Practical Nurse By Examination Packet
Educated Outside the United States

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Important Social Security Number Information:
You are required by state and federal law to provide a social security number with your
application. If you do not have a social security number, please read, complete, and
return this form with your application.

A U.S. Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) or a Canadian Social Insurance
Number (SIN) cannot be substituted.

In order to process your request:
Mail your application with initial
documentation and your check
or money order payable to:
Department of Health
P.O. Box 1099
Olympia, WA 98507-1099

Send supporting documents not
mailed with initial application to:
Nursing Commission
P.O. Box 47864
Olympia, WA 98504-7864

Contact us:
360-236-4700
Application Instructions Checklist

**FBI background check information:** Washington State Law authorizes the Department of Health to obtain fingerprint background checks for licensing purposes. This check is done through the Washington State Patrol and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

- **You will** be required to submit fingerprints for the background check if you have an out of state address listed on this application. (Not out of country).
- **You must** obtain your fingerprints on the Department of Health fingerprint card.
- Once we receive your application we will send you the fingerprint packet with instructions on how to complete the process.
- **A temporary practice permit will be issued if all other licensing requirements are met pending the completion of this process.**

All information should be printed clearly in blue or black ink. It is your responsibility to submit the required forms.

☐ **Application Fee.** This fee is non-refundable. You can check the online fee page for current fees.

☐ **1. Demographic Information:**
  **Social Security Number:** You must list your social security number on your application. If you do not have a social security number please read, complete, and return this form with your application.

  **National Provider Identifier Number (NPI):** The National Provider Identifier (NPI) is a standard unique identifier for health care professionals available from the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The NPI is a 10 digit numeric identifier. If you have a NPI number, provide this on your application.

  **Legal Name:** List your full name: first, middle and, last.

  **Definition of legal name:** “Legal name” is the name appearing on your official certificate of birth or, if your name has changed since birth, on an official marriage certificate or an order by a court. The court must have the legal authority to change your name. We may ask you to prove your legal name. If you use any name other than your legal name on this form, your application may be denied.

  **Birth date:** Provide the month, day and year of your birth.

  **Birth place:** Provide the city, state and country where you were born.

  **Address:** List the address we should use to send any information about your license. Be sure to include the city, state, zip code, county, and country. This will be your permanent address with the Department of Health until we have been notified of a change. See [WAC 246-12-310](http://example.com).

  **Phone, Fax and Cell Numbers:** List your phone, fax and cell numbers.

  **Email:** You are required to provide an email address. Email is our primary form of communication. Join our Listserv to receive updates and news from the Nursing Commission.
Other Name(s): Indicate whether you are known or have been known under any other names. If you have a name change, you must notify the Department of Health in writing. You must include proof of this change. See WAC 246-12-300.

☐ 2. Personal Data Questions:
All applicants must answer the same personal data questions. They are focused on your fitness to practice the essential skills of this profession.

If you answer “yes” to any questions in this section, you must provide an appropriate explanation. You must also provide certified documentation referencing the question. If you do not provide this, your application is incomplete and it will not be considered.

- Question 5 includes misdemeanors, gross misdemeanors and felonies. You do not have to answer yes if you have been cited for traffic infractions. You may obtain copies of court records through the county courthouse where the conviction, plea, deferred sentence, or suspended sentence was entered.

- Another jurisdiction refers to any other country, state, federal territory, or military authority.

☐ 3. Professional Education:
List your current or completed nursing program. Indicate degree/certificate/diploma earned. List graduation or anticipated graduation date. Attach additional completed pages if you need more space.

☐ 4. AIDS Education and Training Attestation:
Read the AIDS education and training attestation. AIDS training may include self-study courses or formal training. If you have met the requirements on the application, or if your nursing education was after 1991, initial and date this section without any further training. Course content can be found in WAC 246-12-270.

☐ 5. Applicant’s Attestation:
You must sign and date your application for it to be valid. Your signature indicates that you have read and understood this section. Your signature must be original. We will not accept the application if your signature is photocopied or has an electronic signature.

Please note: If we require additional documentation, we will notify you by email.

- The initial license will expire on your birthday unless the license is issued within 90 days of your next birthday. See WAC 246-12-020(3).

- Please review continued competency requirements for renewal.

Notice to Spouses and Registered Domestic Partners of Military Personnel Transferring to Washington

Under a new state law, a spouse or registered domestic partner of military personnel transferring to Washington may receive his or her health professional license more quickly. In order for us to do this, please complete the additional form found at the military resources page and include supporting documentation with your application.
Licensed Practical Nurse License Requirements by Examination Educated Outside the United States

Thank you for applying to become a Licensed Practical Nurse in Washington State.

1. **Education Verification**
   After you complete your nursing program, have your school complete, sign, date, and return the form to the Nursing Commission office. This document will be used in determining the educational requirements are met. To view the LPN education requirements see [WAC 246-840-575](#).

2. **Official Transcripts**
   Have your school of nursing mail your transcripts with the degree listed to the Nursing Commission. Our office will evaluate your transcripts to determine if you meet the educational requirements.

3. **English Proficiency Exam**
   All applicants who graduated from nursing school outside the United States, other than Canada, Ireland, United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, and common wealth Caribbean, must take and pass either the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) [www.toefl.com](#) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS, academic version) [www.ielts.org](#). This exam is required regardless of whether the program was taught in English.
   - Passing TOEFL scores for LPN applicants are a total score of 79 with a speaking score of 26.
   - Passing IELTS scores for LPN applicants are a total score of 6.5 with a score of 6.0 in the following areas; listening, reading, writing, and speaking.

4. **PVR**
   The Personal Vocational Relationship Course (PVR) is an online course and is a license requirement for Washington State. Click [here](#) for course information.

5. **NCLEX**
   Once the Nursing Commission approves your application you will need to register with Pearsonvue at [www.pearsonvue.com](#) to take the national exam, (NCLEX). Do not register for the NCLEX before the commission has approved your application. Once you register, our office will make you eligible on the Pearsonvue website. Pearsonvue will then email you the “authorization to test” (ATT). At that point you can schedule to take the exam.

   We suggest you use the [NCLEX Candidate Bulletin](#) which will guide you through the registration process with Pearsonvue to take the NCLEX.

   Your license will be issued shortly after you successfully pass the NCLEX. You will receive a onetime paper license in the mail 7-10 working days after it is issued. You may access our website to verify your license is issued.
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**Licensed Practical Nurse Application Educated Outside the US**

You must check the appropriate box: ☐ Examination ☐ Endorsement

### 1. Demographic Information

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Note: The mailing and email addresses you provide will be your addresses of record. It is your responsibility to maintain current contact information on file with the department.

Have you ever been known under any other name(s)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, list name(s):

Will documents be received in another name? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, list name(s):

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**For Office Use Only**

- ☐ COC Received
- Review for: ☐ FBI ☐ HIPBB ☐ WSP ☐ PDQ ☐ NOD
- ☐ Approved per policy A21.05 delegated decision making for selected license applications
- ☐ Forward to CMT ☐ Approved by CMT ☐ Denied by CMT
- ☐ Proceed with licensing process

Signature ___________________________ Date ____________

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2. Personal Data Questions

1. Do you have a medical condition which in any way impairs or limits your ability to practice your profession with reasonable skill and safety? If yes, please attach explanation.

   “Medical Condition” includes physiological, mental or psychological conditions or disorders, such as, but not limited to orthopedic, visual, speech, and hearing impairments, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, cancer, heart disease, diabetes, intellectual disabilities, emotional or mental illness, specific learning disabilities, HIV disease, tuberculosis, drug addiction, and alcoholism.

   If you answered yes to question 1, explain:
   1a. How your treatment has reduced or eliminated the limitations caused by your medical condition.
   1b. How your field of practice, the setting or manner of practice has reduced or eliminated the limitations caused by your medical condition.

   Note: If you answered “yes” to question 1, the licensing authority will assess the nature, severity, and the duration of the risks associated with the ongoing medical condition and the ongoing treatment to determine whether your license should be restricted, conditions imposed, or no license issued.

   The licensing authority may require you to undergo one or more mental, physical or psychological examination(s). This would be at your own expense. By submitting this application, you give consent to such an examination(s). You also agree the examination report(s) may be provided to the licensing authority. You waive all claims based on confidentiality or privileged communication. If you do not submit to a required examination(s) or provide the report(s) to the licensing authority, your application may be denied.

2. Do you currently use chemical substance(s) in any way which impair or limit your ability to practice your profession with reasonable skill and safety? If yes, please explain.

   “Currently” means within the past two years.

   “Chemical substances” include alcohol, drugs, or medications, whether taken legally or illegally.

3. Have you ever been diagnosed with, or treated for, pedophilia, exhibitionism, voyeurism or frotteurism?

4. Are you currently engaged in the illegal use of controlled substances?

   “Currently” means within the past two years.

   Illegal use of controlled substances is the use of controlled substances (e.g., heroin, cocaine) not obtained legally or taken according to the directions of a licensed health care practitioner.

   Note: If you answer “yes” to any of the remaining questions, provide an explanation and certified copies of all judgments, decisions, orders, agreements and surrenders. The department does criminal background checks on all applicants.

5. Have you ever been convicted, entered a plea of guilty, no contest, or a similar plea, or had prosecution or a sentence deferred or suspended as an adult or juvenile in any state or jurisdiction?

   Note: If you answered “yes” to question 5, you must send certified copies of all court documents related to your criminal history with your application. If you do not provide the documents, your application is incomplete and will not be considered.

   To protect the public, the department considers criminal history. A criminal history may not automatically bar you from obtaining a credential. However, failure to report criminal history may result in extra cost to you and the application may be delayed or denied.
2. Personal Data Questions (cont.)

a. Are you now subject to criminal prosecution or pending charges of a crime in any state or jurisdiction .................................................................

Note: If you answered “yes” to question 5a, you must explain the nature of the prosecution and/or charge(s). You must include the jurisdiction that is investigating and/or prosecuting the charges. This includes any city, county, state, federal or tribal jurisdiction. If charging documents have been filed with a court, you must provide certified copies of those documents. If you do not provide the documents, your application is incomplete and will not be considered.

b. If you answered “yes” to question 5a, do you wish to have decision on your application delayed until the prosecution and any appeals are complete? ........................................................................

6. Have you ever been found in any civil, administrative or criminal proceeding to have:

a. Possessed, used, prescribed for use, or distributed controlled substances or legend drugs in any way other than for legitimate or therapeutic purposes? .................................................................

b. Diverted controlled substances or legend drugs? ........................................................................

c. Violated any drug law? ..................................................................................................................

d. Prescribed controlled substances for yourself? ............................................................................

7. Have you ever been found in any proceeding to have violated any state or federal law or rule regulating the practice of a health care profession? If “yes”, please attach an explanation and provide copies of all judgments, decisions, and agreements? ...............................................................

8. Have you ever had any license, certificate, registration or other privilege to practice a health care profession denied, revoked, suspended, or restricted by a state, federal, or foreign authority? .................................................................

9. Have you ever surrendered a credential like those listed in number 8, in connection with or to avoid action by a state, federal, or foreign authority? ..................................................................................

10. Have you ever been named in any civil suit or suffered any civil judgment for incompetence, negligence, or malpractice in connection with the practice of a health care profession? .................................................................

11. Have you ever been disqualified from working with vulnerable persons by the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)? .......................................................................................... 

3. Professional Education

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4. AIDS Education and Training Attestation

I certify I have completed the minimum of seven hours of education in the prevention, transmission and treatment of AIDS. This includes the topics of etiology and epidemiology, testing and counseling, infection control guidelines, clinical manifestations and treatment, legal and ethical issues confidentiality, psychosocial issues, and special population considerations.

If you have met the requirements you must initial and date this section.

I understand I must maintain records documenting education for two years and be prepared to submit those records to the department if requested. **I understand if I provide any false information, my license may be denied, or if issued, suspended or revoked.**

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5. Applicant’s Attestation

I, ________________________________, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington the following is true and correct:

- I am the person described and identified in this application.
- I have read **RCW 18.130.170** and **RCW 18.130.180** of the Uniform Disciplinary Act.
- I have answered all questions truthfully and completely.
- The documentation provided in support of my application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I understand the Department of Health may require more information before deciding on my application. The department may independently check conviction records with state or federal databases.

I authorize the release of any files or records the department requires to process this application. This includes information from all hospitals, educational or other organizations, my references, and past and present employers and business and professional associates. It also includes information from federal, state, local or foreign government agencies.

I understand I must inform the department of any past, current or future criminal charges or convictions. I will also inform the department of any physical or mental conditions that jeopardize my ability to provide quality health care. If requested, I will authorize my health providers to release to the department information on my health, including mental health and any substance abuse treatment.

Dated __________________ in ____________________________

(City, state)(mm/dd/yyyy)

By: ________________________________

(Original signature of applicant)
# Education Verification for Licensed Practical Nurses

**Educated Outside the United States**

**Applicant:** Complete this section and mail to your school of nursing which you graduated.

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High School Graduate [ ] Yes [ ] No  If no, GED? [ ] Yes [ ] No  Social Security Number

I hereby request this verification be completed and a transcript mailed to the Nursing Commission

Signature of Applicant  Date

**To be completed by the Chief Administrative Officer of the school of nursing from which the above named applicant graduated, certifying the following:**

Record name of graduate ____________________________________________

Name of Nursing School ____________________________________________

Location _________________________________________________________

School approved by_________________ School accredited by_________________

Date student enter program ______________ Graduation/completion date ______________

Diploma/Degree earned by Student ______________________________________

Please attach an official transcript (record of all subjects taken, including hour of class and weeks of clinical experience) for this applicant. **Note: Please complete both sides**

Signature ________________________________

Title ________________________________

Date ________________________________

(SEAL)
Please respond to each item listed subject matter for Licensed Practical Nurse program: (some subjects matter may be integrated into fundamentals of other courses)

1. Social, behavioral and related foundation subjects
   a. Normal growth and development through the life cycle............................................................... ☐ ☐
   b. Psychology (social facts and principles)..................................................................................... ☐ ☐

2. Biological and related foundation subjects
   a. Anatomy and physiology............................................................................................................. ☐ ☐
   b. Elementary concepts of microbiology....................................................................................... ☐ ☐
   c. Elementary concepts of chemistry.............................................................................................. ☐ ☐
   d. Elementary concepts of physics .................................................................................................. ☐ ☐

3. Clinical Experience
   a. Fundamentals of Nursing ........................................................................................................... ☐ ☐
   b. Administration of Medication.................................................................................................... ☐ ☐
   c. Medical/surgical nursing throughout the life span................................................................. ☐ ☐
   d. Obstetrics (pre and post partum care)......................................................................................... ☐ ☐
   e. Post partum care of newborns................................................................................................... ☐ ☐
   f. Pediatric nursing (well and ill).................................................................................................. ☐ ☐
   g. Psychiatric Nursing .................................................................................................................... ☐ ☐

Return to the address listed on page 1 of this form.
RCW/WAC and Online Website Links

RCW/WAC Links

Uniform Disciplinary Act, RCW 18.130
Unprofessional Conduct, RCW 18.130.180
Administrative Procedure Act, RCW 34.05
Administrative Procedures and Requirements, WAC 246-12
Nursing Care Laws, RCW 18.79
Nursing Care Rules, WAC 246-840
Licensing of Graduates of Foreign Schools of Nursing, WAC 246-840-045
Licensing Examination, WAC 240-840-050

Online

AIDS Training Resources, Reference Page
Nursing Commission, Web Page