

Out of State Nursing Program Approval Guide

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Online nursing programs who are seeking to offer classes to students who reside in West Virginia either need to be a member of NC-SARA or obtain approval from the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission (Commission). To obtain approval from the Commission, programs need to complete a series 20 application form. The form can be secure the application, please contact Keri Ferro at keri.ferro@wvhepc.edu or (304)558-0261.

Pre-licensure nursing programs must also gain approval from the West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Nurses prior to providing instruction in West Virginia. They should contact the Board at rnboard@wv.gov or 304.744.0900. Post licensure nursing programs are not regulated by the West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Nurses prior to providing instruction in West Virginia.

Online nursing programs should follow the guidance below for clinical rotations.

Out of State Pre-Licensure Program Clinical Rotations

All prelicensure nursing programs outside of West Virginia (WV) are required to seek approval from the West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Nurses (WVRN Board) to complete clinical rotations in the state. To gain approval, schools must complete and return an Out of State School of Nursing Education Program Approval application located on the WV RN Board website at www.wvrnboard.wv.gov under the Education tab in the nursing education program resources area (click here at <http://wvrnboard.wv.gov/education/Documents/Out%20of%20State%20SON%20Approval%20Applicati%20on%204-26-18.pdf> for the application).

Pre-licensure nursing programs out of WV are also required to seek approval from the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission if their institution is NOT engaged in the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA). To see if your institution is a participant, please click [here](#). If your institution is a participant, you do not need to seek WVHEPC approval unless your institution seeks to send 10 or more students to a single site in West Virginia. If your institution is not a participant, you should contact Nikki Bryant at nikki.bryant@wvhepc.edu or 304.558.0261 extension 290.

If any prelicensure nursing education program out of state school wants to send 10 or more students to complete clinical rotations at a single site in WV at the same time, they must seek approval from both the WVRN Board and the WV HEPC. The WVRN Board

requires that an Out of State Nursing Education program approval application is completed (click here at <http://wvrnboard.wv.gov/education/Documents/Out%20of%20State%20SON%20Approval%20Application%204-26-18.pdf> for the application) and you should contact Nikki Bryant at nikki.bryant@wvhepc.edu or 304.558.0261 extension 290.

Out of State Graduate Nursing Program Clinical Rotations

APRN and graduate nursing programs outside of WV are required to seek approval to complete clinical rotations in the state from the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission if their institution is not engaged in NC-SARA. To see if your institution is a participant, please click [here](#). If your institution is a participant, you do not need to seek WVHEPC approval unless your institution seeks to send 10 or more students to a single site in West Virginia. If your institution is not a participant, you should contact Nikki Bryant at nikki.bryant@wvhepc.edu or 304.558.0261 extension 290.

APRN and graduate nursing students enrolled in nursing programs outside of WV are not required to seek approval from the WV RN Board to complete clinical rotations in the state.

All APRN students who wish to complete clinical rotations in WV must have a valid active RN license from WV if your PSOR is WV or a non NLC state or hold an active NLC multi-state RN license from another NLC state if your PSOR is another NLC state.

All APRN faculty who wish to practice in WV with RN students must have a valid active RN license from WV if your PSOR is WV or a non NCL state or hold an active NLC multi-state RN license from another NLC state if your PSOR is another NLC state and an active APRN license.

All WV licensing applications are available in the nursing portal found [here](#).