IDFPR
Illinois Department of
Financial and Professional Regulation
Division of Professional Regulation

Qualifications for Licensure:

Registered Professional Nurse (041)

Effective Date: 03/2026

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- The qualifications for an Illinois registered professional nurse license are provided in 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1300.300 and 1300.320. Part 1300 may be referred to as the nursing rules. Links to the act and rules are available online at https://idfpr.illinois.gov/profs/nursing.html under Laws and Rules.

LICENSE QUALIFICATIONS

- Graduation from a nursing education program in the United States or its territories that meets the requirements of 68 IAC 1300.340.

- Graduation from an international nursing education program that is deemed equivalent to nursing education in a U.S. state or territory, in accordance with 68 IAC 1300.300 (a)(4) or 68 IAC 1300.320 (a)(5). A credentials evaluation report must be prepared by a credentialing service approved by the Division. A list of approved credentialing services is available here.

- Successful completion of the National Council Licensure Examination for registered nurses (NCLEX-RN).

- Individuals applying for a license by endorsement must be actively licensed as a registered nurse in another state or jurisdiction of the United States or a foreign jurisdiction.

Please apply for licensure with the Division of Professional Regulation using the CORE licensing system online at https://idfpr.illinois.gov/core.html.