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54-02-01-01. Official licensing examination.

Each year the board of nursing shall contract to use the following examinations as the official North Dakota licensing examinations for nurses:

National council licensure examination for registered nurses.

National council licensure examination for practical nurses.

History: Amended effective June 1, 1982.

General Authority: NDCC 43-12.1-08

Law Implemented: NDCC 43-12.1-09(2)

54-02-01-02. Passing score.

Repealed effective October 1, 1987.

54-02-01-03. Testing dates.

Repealed effective April 1, 2004.

54-02-01-04. Examination material.

Repealed effective January 1, 1994.

54-02-01-04.1. Board authorization to write examination.

Candidates must complete application to the board for licensure by examination. Eligibility for testing will be submitted to the test center by the board when notification is received that all academic requirements have been met. In addition, the applicant's registration with the testing vendor has been reported to the board office.

History: Effective January 1, 1994; amended effective April 1, 2014.

General Authority: NDCC 43-12.1-08

Law Implemented: NDCC 43-12.1-09(2)

54-02-01-05. Examination results.

Examination results will be reported to individual candidates and recorded in the candidate's permanent record in the board office. The examination results for the successful candidate will include the number of the permanent license that shall be issued to the candidate.

History: Amended effective November 1, 1979; October 1, 1989; December 1, 1991; January 1, 1994; May 1, 1996; February 1, 1998; April 1, 2014.

General Authority: NDCC 43-12.1-08(1)

Law Implemented: NDCC 43-12.1-09(2)

54-02-01-06. Examination fees.

The board shall set the fee for licensure by examination. The fee for licensure by examination shall be one hundred twenty-five dollars. The application is valid for a period of time not to exceed twelve months from the determination of eligibility and the fee is nonrefundable. The candidate shall be responsible for any payment of fees charged by the national council of state boards of nursing for use of the national council licensure examination.

History: Amended effective November 1, 1979; March 1, 1986; March 1, 1992; January 1, 1994; September 1, 1994; June 1, 2001; June 1, 2002; July 1, 2020.

General Authority: NDCC 43-12.1-08

Law Implemented: NDCC 43-12.1-08(2)(d)

54-02-01-07. Transcript.

1. A graduate from another state or territory or an English-speaking Canadian nursing education program must provide an official completed transcript. The transcript must be sent directly from the nursing education program to the board office, as proof of satisfactory completion of the appropriate nursing education program.
2. A board-approved credentials evaluation service shall evaluate an internationally educated applicant's official nursing education program transcript.
 - a. The transcript must be sent directly from the nursing program to the credentials evaluation service.

- b. The evaluation must be translated to English and the nursing education program's approval in the home country must be verified and must include a course-by-course evaluation to assure the nursing education program meets those requirements outlined in article 54-03.2.
- c. The nursing education program must include a clinical education equivalent in amount and time to board-approved programs.
- d. The approved credentials evaluation service shall complete and send directly to the board the full credentials evaluation and official transcript that was evaluated.
- e. The credentials evaluation must state specifically the language of instruction was English with English textbooks. If the nursing education program was not taught in English, evidence of the applicant's English language proficiency must be provided to the board.
- f. This subsection does not apply to graduates of Canadian English-speaking nursing education programs.

History: Amended effective June 1, 1982; January 1, 1994; February 1, 1998; April 1, 2004; April 1, 2014; April 1, 2024.

General Authority: NDCC 43-12.1-08

Law Implemented: NDCC 43-12.1-09(2)

54-02-01-08. Employment verification.

Repealed effective May 1, 1996.

54-02-01-09. Internationally educated applicants.

Repealed effective April 1, 2024.

54-02-01-10. Employment of unsuccessful candidates.

A candidate who fails the licensing examination may not be employed in a position with functions that are usually assigned to licensed nurses.

History: Effective November 1, 1979; amended effective June 1, 1982.

General Authority: NDCC 43-12.1-08

Law Implemented: NDCC 43-12.1-03

54-02-01-11. Qualifications for admission to the licensing examination.

Repealed effective October 1, 1989.

54-02-01-12. Early admission to the licensing examination.

Repealed effective January 1, 1994.

54-02-01-13. Authorization to practice nursing.

Authorization to practice nursing between the dates of program completion and notification of results of the licensing examination will be issued to individuals accepted as candidates for the first licensing examination after program completion for which the candidate is eligible. Eligibility will be determined by the following criteria:

1. The applicant has submitted a completed application, the appropriate fee, and official transcript verifying program completion to the board office.
2. The applicant's registration with the testing vendor has been confirmed.
 - a. The applicant may use the appropriate title of graduate nurse or graduate practical nurse or the appropriate abbreviation of "G.N." or "G.P.N."
 - b. The applicant must practice under the supervision of a registered nurse while the authorization to practice is valid. The work authorization to practice will expire in ninety days or upon notification of the testing results, whichever occurs first. The work authorization is nonrenewable and available only to graduates who complete an application for licensure within sixty days of graduation.

History: Effective October 1, 1989; amended effective December 1, 1991; January 1, 1994; May 1, 1996; July 1, 2008; April 1, 2014.

General Authority: NDCC 43-12.1-08

Law Implemented: NDCC 43-12.1-09(2)

54-02-01-14. Recognition of programs from other jurisdictions.

For the purpose of licensure by examination to practice as a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse, the board will recognize programs that are approved by another jurisdiction; and

1. Meet or exceed the education requirements set out in article 54-03.2 and have clinical education equivalent in amount and time to the board-approved programs; or
2. As otherwise approved by the board.

History: Effective April 1, 2004; amended effective July 1, 2008.

General Authority: NDCC 43-12.1-08

Law Implemented: NDCC 43-12.1-09(2)