

485:10-7-1. Licensure by examination

(b) **Qualifications Licensed Practical Nurse.** An applicant for licensure by examination as a Licensed Practical Nurse must meet the following qualifications:

(1) Be a minimum of eighteen (18) years of age on or before the date the license is issued;

(2) Submits an application containing such information as the Board may prescribe;

(3) Cause submission of an official transcript from an entity approved and recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a primary source for providing education transcripts, showing completion of the basic curricula of a state Board-approved practical nursing education program conducted in a member board jurisdiction that meets the requirements of 485:10-5-6(d), and showing the diploma or degree and the date conferred; or

(4) Has completed equivalent courses through one of the following methods:

(A) in a state approved program of nursing with a minimum overall grade point average of 2.0, and a grade of a "C" or higher in all nursing courses. Evidence is obtained from an entity approved and recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a primary source for providing education transcripts, verifying successful completion of a minimum of one academic year of instruction in a registered nursing education program, including classroom instruction and clinical practice in nursing care of the adult, nursing care of children, and maternal-infant nursing. Course content in anatomy and physiology, growth and development, mental health, pharmacology and nutrition also have been successfully completed. Courses in external degree programs or completed by challenge examination are not acceptable for PN equivalency; or

(B) has completed a registered nursing education program in a foreign country and meets the requirements of 485:10-7-2(e).

(C) Successful completion of a Board-approved role transition learning packet related to legal and ethical aspects of practical nursing.

(c) **Applications.** Applications for licensure by examination must be completed and filed with the Board prior to the examination. If the application is not completed within one (1) year, the applicant will submit a new application and new fee.

(d) **Admission to the examination.** The applicant must register with the authorized testing service and submit the required fee. An authorization to test will be issued by the testing service allowing the applicant to schedule the examination.

(e) **Fee for examination.**

(1) The fee for writing or rewriting the licensing examination adopted by the Board for Registered Nurse or Licensed Practical Nurse licensure shall accompany the application.

(2) The fee for the examination is not refundable.