

**TEMPORARY Nursing License
(Guide for New Graduates of Nursing Schools
Located in the United States)**

Given the current COVID-19 pandemic and national and state declarations of emergency, Governor Whitmer and LARA Director, Orlene Hawks, recognize the critical need for current graduating nursing students to be licensed as quickly as possible. This information is being provided to Michigan higher education institutions and stakeholders so it can be shared with students who have successfully completed the nursing program and are ready for licensure.

Students who may not have taken the NCLEX but have successfully completed the course and program requirements to graduate, LARA is allowing students to apply for a Temporary RN License to give students options during this unprecedented time. This will allow students who may want to take more time to prepare for the NCLEX to be licensed and begin working in their chosen profession during the COVID-19 state of emergency.

Please be aware of the following instructions as it is important that applicants submit completed applications with the necessary information for LARA to expeditiously issue licenses.

Application:

- Online application can be completed by visiting www.michigan.gov/miplus.

Application and License Fee:

- Option 1: Temporary RN License \$219.50 (\$10.70 fee for the 1-year license is added to the cost of the full license fee of \$208.80).
 - Once the licensee takes the NCLEX and passes, the temporary RN license is automatically replaced with issuance of the RN license.
 - This is done so the temporary RN license holder does not have to go back to BPL to apply for the full license.
- Option 2: Temporary RN License Fee Waiver – Students who are experiencing hardship due to the COVID-19 emergency and having challenges in paying the \$219.50 fee for the temporary RN license, may request to BPL a fee waiver. Instructions are included for the online application.
 - There will be no requirements other than making the request.
 - Prior to making the request, please save your application (do not submit).
 - Call BPL at 517-582-8638 or email BPLHelp@michigan.gov, to request a fee waiver for the Temporary RN License, and provide your name so the team member can waive the fee in the system.
 - Once the fee is waived, go back into the online application (MiPLUS program) and submit the completed application.

- Once the temporary RN license holder passes the NCLEX during the one year, the licensee will need to apply and pay for the full RN license before the expiration date of the temporary RN license.
- Temporary RN licenses are good for up to 1 year of issuance date.
- RN Specialty Certificates cannot be added to the temporary license.

Required Information:

- Social Security Number.
- Name of School Attended and Educational Program Completed.
- School Provides:
 - Michigan Nursing School Certification Form provided directly to BPL from the school and emailed to BPL-NurseCert@Michigan.gov. The **Nursing Program Completion Date** field is the date that BPL uses to qualify the student to take the NCLEX. This date is typically different from the graduation date for most schools.
 - Transcripts/Certification - Official Transcripts OR the Michigan Nursing School Certification Form, if applicable, submitted directly to BPL from the nursing school attended.
 - [Michigan Nursing School Certification Form](#)

Background Check and Good Moral Character requirements:

- Applicants for licensure must attest that they are of Good Moral Character
- Criminal Background Check – Once the online application is completed and submitted applicant will be emailed an Application Confirmation letter containing instructions to complete the Criminal Background Check.

Additional Information:

Please submit information to the Bureau of Professional Licensing to bpldata@michigan.gov

- Note in the Subject line: Nursing Application Information.

NOTE: If a temporary RN license holder takes the NCLEX and fails, the license will be null, and void and he/she will have to apply for full licensure and take the NCLEX again. If the temporary RN license holder does not take the NCLEX by the time the temporary license expires, he/she will have to apply for the full license as the temporary license is a non-renewable license.

Contacts - Questions:

BPL is in the process of setting up a remote call-center. To contact the bureau in the interim, **students** with questions about the application and/or needing assistance to apply online, please email the BPL and provide contact information as team members are ready to assist each student and will respond the same day or no later than the next workday:

BPLHelp@michigan.gov

Universities and Colleges with questions about the process and/or matters not covered in this guide, please contact the following:

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