

Registered Nurse Licensure is the process by which boards of nursing grant permission to an individual to engage in nursing practice after determining that the applicant has attained the competency necessary to perform a unique scope of practice.

To begin the licensure process, [search the particular state board of nursing](#) for applications.

The responsibilities of a licensed nurse include knowledge of, and adherence to, the laws and rules which govern nursing as outlined in the Nurse Practice Act and regulations. Review the nursing law and rules by [locating your state Nurse Practice Act and regulations guide](#).