

TABLE 1

2011 Uniform Licensure Requirements for RN and LPN/VN Licensure

A. Initial Licensure

	Applicant Responsibility	Board Responsibility
1A. Nursing Education Requirements: RN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduation or eligibility for graduation from a Member Board–approved RN prelicensure program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verification of graduation or eligibility for graduation from a Member Board–approved prelicensure RN program.
2A. Nursing Education Requirements: LPN/VN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduation or eligibility for graduation from a Member Board–approved LPN/VN prelicensure program. • Graduates from RN prelicensure programs who wish to take the NCLEX-PN® must have successfully completed a Member Board–approved LPN/VN role delineation course. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verification of graduation or eligibility for graduation from a Member Board–approved LPN/VN prelicensure program.
3A. Nursing Education Requirements of International Candidates: RN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduation from a nursing program comparable to a Member Board–approved RN prelicensure program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verification by a credentials review agency of graduation from a nursing program comparable to a Member Board–approved RN prelicensure program. • Graduation from a nursing program comparable to a Member Board–approved RN program. This program should be approved by an accrediting body or other authority whose role it is to approve nursing programs in that country.
4A. Nursing Education Requirements of International Candidates: LPN/VN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduation from a nursing program comparable to a Member Board–approved prelicensure LPN/VN program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verification by a credentials review agency of graduation from a nursing program comparable to a Member Board–approved prelicensure LPN/VN program. • Graduation from a nursing program comparable to a Member Board–approved LPN/VN program. This program should be approved by an accrediting body or other authority whose role it is to approve nursing programs in that country.
5A. NCLEX Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful completion of the NCLEX-RN® or NCLEX-PN. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verification that applicant successfully completed the NCLEX-RN or NCLEX-PN.
6A. Additional Requirements for International Candidates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-disclosure of nursing licensure status in country of origin, if applicable. • Successful passage of an English proficiency exam that includes the components of reading, speaking, writing, and listening, except for applicants from countries where English is the native language, and the nursing program where the applicant attended was taught in English and used English textbooks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verification of nursing licensure status and/or authorization to practice if applicable in country of origin. • Verification of successful passage of an English proficiency exam that includes the components of reading, speaking, writing, and listening, except for applicants from countries where English is the native language, and the nursing program where the applicant attended was taught in English and used English textbooks.
7A. Additional Public Protection Requirements: Criminal Background Check	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-disclosure of all misdemeanors, felonies, and plea agreements (even if adjudication was withheld). • Submit state and federal fingerprint checks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of all misdemeanors, felonies, and plea agreements (even if adjudication was withheld) of all individuals applying for licensure on a case-by-case basis to determine board action. • Require psychological evaluation for all individuals convicted of a sexual offense involving a minor or performing a sexual act against the will of another person. This evaluation should be performed by a qualified expert approved by the board. If the evaluation identifies sexual behaviors of a predatory nature, the board of nursing (BON) should deny licensure.

