

EKU Baccalaureate & Graduate Nursing

Preparing for RN license exam

The Department of Baccalaureate & Graduate Nursing uses external testing as a part of the program evaluation plan. External tests used to monitor student learning outcomes include Health Education Systems, Inc (HESI) Mid-Curriculum Exam (in the 6th semester), the National League of Nursing (NLN) Diagnostic Readiness Test (in the 7th semester), the NLN Baccalaureate Achievement Test (8th semester), and the HESI Exit Exam (8th semester).

These exams are used to assist with identification of areas for improvement as students progress through the curriculum and with student preparation for taking the RN licensing exam, National Council License Examination (NCLEX) after graduation.

Students need to familiarize themselves with the laws of the state in which they intend to take the National Council Licensure Examination. In general, State Boards have the power to:

1. Deny admission to take licensure examination
2. Require that the individual be graduated from an approved school
3. Require reporting of misdemeanor or felony convictions
4. Deny licensure to persons who negligently or willfully act in a manner inconsistent with the practice of nursing, or is unfit or incompetent to practice due to other causes, such as abuse of controlled substances, fraud, or deceit.

Information on licensure in Kentucky can be obtained from the Kentucky Board of Nursing website at www.kbn.ky.us or by contacting the board via telephone or mail. Potential applicants for licensure who have a history of a criminal conviction should review the informational brochure for applicants with misdemeanor and/or felony convictions (Conviction Brochure) posted on the website.

Information on licensure in other states may be obtained from those state boards of nursing.