

**Title 20—DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND
PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION
Division 2200—State Board of Nursing
Chapter 4—General Rules**

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

20 CSR 2200-4.020 Requirements for Licensure. The board is amending sections (1) and (5).

PURPOSE: This amendment is to recognize the Air Force Basic Medical Technician Corpsman Program 4N051 – 5 Skill Level and above to meet educational standards/academic preparation for licensure as a practical nurse.

(1) Examination.

(B) The registered professional nurse (RN) candidate shall have successfully completed the basic prescribed curriculum and received a degree or diploma from a school with an **[*accredited*]** **approved** professional nursing program. The practical nurse candidate shall have successfully completed a basic prescribed curriculum in an **[*accredited*]** **approved** school of practical nursing and have earned a practical nursing degree, diploma or certificate or completed a comparable period of training as determined by the board. A comparable period of training as determined by the board shall mean graduation from an accredited professional nursing program with validation by examination of a personal and vocational concepts course by an **[*accredited*]** **approved** practical nursing program or graduation from the Army Practical Nurse Program

(C) Pursuant to section 324.007, RSMo, the education, training, and /or service received and completed through the Air Force Basic Medical Technician Corpsman Program (BMTCP) – 4N051-5 Skills Level is an approved program for practical nursing. Any applicant for licensure for practical nursing who has successfully completed the BMTCP – 4N051-5 Skills Level, or above, has met the educational qualifications for licensure by examination.

[(C)] (D) The candidate shall make written application to the Missouri State Board of Nursing for permission to **[*be admitted*]** take to the licensing examination for professional/practical nurses. Application forms for the licensing examination shall be obtained from the Missouri State Board of Nursing.

[1. A request for forms shall be made by the director of the program of professional/ practical nursing and should include the names and completion dates of candidates who expect to apply for admission to the examination.

2. Application forms for out-of-state/country graduates may be obtained by contacting the State Board of Nursing, giving name, address, name and address of school of nursing and completion date.]

[3] 1. Any applicant applying for the practical nurse licensing examination who is deficient in theory, clinical experience, or both, as stated in 20 CSR 2200, Chapter 3—Practical Nursing, and has not earned a practical nursing degree or met the requirements for a comparable period of training as determined by the board pursuant

to 20 CSR 2200-4.020(1)(B) **or** (C), will not be approved.

~~[(D)]~~ (E) A completed application for the licensing examination signed and accompanied by one (1) two-inch by two-inch (2"× 2") portrait/photograph of the applicant shall be submitted to the Missouri State Board of Nursing for evaluation along with the required examination fee, and proof of submission of fingerprints to the Missouri State Highway Patrol's approved vendor for both a Missouri State Highway Patrol and Federal Bureau of Investigation fingerprint background check prior to the established deadline date set by the Missouri State Board of Nursing. Proof shall consist of any documentation acceptable to the board. Any fees due for fingerprint background checks shall be paid by the applicant directly to the Missouri State Highway Patrol or its approved vendor. All fees are nonrefundable. Note: The name appearing on the application will be the only legal name of the individual recognized by the Missouri State Board of Nursing unless evidence of the change in name has been submitted.

~~[(E)]~~ (F) An application for a candidate's first licensing examination in Missouri shall bear the school seal and the signature of the director of the program of professional/practical nursing. This shall indicate the endorsement of the candidate to take the licensing examination. The affidavit portion of the application shall be properly executed before a notary public.

~~[(F)]~~ *Applicants approved by the Missouri State Board of Nursing as eligible to take the licensing examination for professional/practical nurses shall be notified and forwarded identifying material and specific information as to date, time, and place. Candidates shall take the current National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Incorporated Licensure Examination for professional/practical nurses.]*

(K) A transcript of the final record shall be submitted to the Missouri State Board of Nursing for each applicant upon completion of the program of professional/practical nursing. The seal, if available, of the school and signature of the director of the program of professional/practical nursing [or], registrar shall be affixed to the transcript. The transcript must include the degree/**designation** awarded and date of graduation **or completion**. A candidate cannot take the licensure examination until all licensure requirements are met, including providing a transcript.

(5) Licensure by Endorsement in Missouri—Registered Nurses (RNs) and Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs).

(A) A professional/practical nurse licensed in another state or territory of the United States shall be entitled to licensure provided qualifications are equivalent to the requirements of Missouri at the time of original licensure. This equivalency shall be defined as—

1. Evidence of completion and graduation from an *[accredited]* **approved** program of professional/practical nursing if educated in a state of the United States; a course-by-course evaluation report received directly from a credentials evaluation service approved by the board or a Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) certificate if the initial nursing education was earned in a territory, Canada, or another country;
2. Attainment of a passing standard score or pass designation as determined by the Missouri State Board of Nursing on the licensing examination or attainment of an

- acceptable grade in areas comparable to those required in Missouri at the time licensure was secured in the state of original licensure;
3. Evidence of completion of the applicable secondary education set forth in section 335.046, RSMo, requirements or the equivalent as determined by the State Department of Education;
 4. Applicants who are not citizens of the United States who have completed programs in schools of professional/practical nursing in states which require citizenship for licensure may take the National Council Licensure Examination for professional/practical nurses in Missouri if they meet all of Missouri's requirements; and
 5. If an individual was licensed by waiver as a practical/vocational nurse in another state, territory or foreign country prior to July 1, 1955, and the individual meets the requirements for licensure as a practical nurse in Missouri which were in effect at the time the individual was licensed in the other jurisdiction, she/he is eligible for licensure in Missouri as an LPN. If an individual is licensed by waiver in another state after July 1, 1955, she/he does not qualify for licensure by waiver in Missouri as a practical nurse.

AUTHORITY: sections 335.036.1(2) and (7) and 335.066, RSMo Supp. 2013, and sections 335.046 and 335.051, RSMo 2000. This rule originally filed as 4 CSR 200-4.020. Original rule filed Oct. 14, 1981, effective Jan. 14, 1982. Amended: Filed May 13, 1982, effective Aug. 12, 1982. Amended: Filed Oct. 13, 1982, effective Jan. 13, 1983. For intervening history, please consult the Code of State Regulations. Amended: Filed April 27, 2017.*

PUBLIC COST: This proposed rule will cost state agencies or political subdivisions between three hundred eighty-six dollars and thirty-six cents (\$386.36) and three hundred ninety-five dollars and forty-one cents (\$395.41) annually for the life of the rule. It is anticipated that the costs will recur for the life of the rule, may vary with inflation, and are expected to increase at the rate projected by the Legislative Oversight Committee.

PRIVATE COST: This proposed rule will cost private entities approximately two thousand seven hundred thirty-nine dollars (\$2,739) annually for the life of the rule. It is anticipated that the costs will recur for the life of the rule, may vary with inflation, and are expected to increase at the rate projected by the Legislative Oversight Committee.

*NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed rule with the State Board of Nursing, Lori Scheidt, Executive Director, PO Box 656, Jefferson City, MO 65102, by fax at (573) 751-0075, or via email at nursing@pr.mo.gov. To be considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the **Missouri Register**. No public hearing is scheduled.*