

## Nursing (BSN, ABSN)

The Traditional Prelicensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) and the Second Degree Prelicensure Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN) programs at Mercer University are designed to prepare students for licensure in the state of Georgia, and the educational requirements to obtain licensure outside of Georgia vary. Most states approve nursing degrees from accredited programs. The Bachelor of Science in Nursing programs at Mercer University are accredited by the [Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education](#), 655 K Street NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, (202) 887-6791 and approved by the Georgia Board of Nursing. Students who complete the BSN (Traditional or Accelerated track) are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) for licensure in Georgia.

The table below displays where the programs meet or do not meet the educational requirements for initial licensure (also known as Licensure by Examination) or where Mercer has not been able to determine if the programs meet the state or territory requirements. In some states where the programs meet the educational requirements, there are additional conditions that must be met (*e.g.*, a non-credit online course in recognizing child abuse). In several states, the BSN program meets requirements while the Accelerated BSN does not. Each state board has the ultimate authority and discretion to determine whether professional licensure will be issued. Students are encouraged to contact the board of nursing in the state in which they intend to practice before enrolling in the program.

A graduate interested in practicing in one of the states listed as **No** may wish to explore the options available under the [Nurse Licensure Compact](#) or the more generic Licensure by Endorsement path, both of which require an existing license in the state of Georgia.

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U.S. State or Territory	Regulatory Body	Contact	Website URL	Meets educational requirements
Alabama	Alabama Board of Nursing	1-800-656-5318	<a href="http://www.abn.alabama.gov">www.abn.alabama.gov</a>	Yes
Alaska	Alaska Board of Nursing	(907) 269-8160	<a href="https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/professionallicensing/boardofnursing.aspx">https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/professionallicensing/boardofnursing.aspx</a>	Yes
Arizona	Arizona State Board of Nursing	(602) 771-7800	<a href="https://www.azbn.gov/">https://www.azbn.gov/</a>	Yes
Arkansas	Arkansas State Board of Nursing	(501) 686-2700	<a href="https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/arkansas-board-of-nursing">https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/arkansas-board-of-nursing</a>	Yes

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California	California Board of Registered Nursing	(916) 322-3350	<a href="https://www.rn.ca.gov/">https://www.rn.ca.gov/</a>	No
Colorado	Colorado Board of Nursing	(303) 894-7800	<a href="https://dpo.colorado.gov/Nursing">https://dpo.colorado.gov/Nursing</a>	Yes
Connecticut	Connecticut Department of Public Health, Registered Nurse Licensure	(860) 509-7603	<a href="https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Practitioner-Licensing--Investigations/Registered-Nurse/Registered-Nurse-Licensure">https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Practitioner-Licensing--Investigations/Registered-Nurse/Registered-Nurse-Licensure</a>	Yes for BSN No for ABSN
Delaware	Delaware Division of Professional Regulation - Board of Nursing	(302) 744-4500	<a href="https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/nursing/">https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/nursing/</a>	Yes
District of Columbia (DC)	District of Columbia Board of Nursing	(202) 442-5955	<a href="https://dchealth.dc.gov/bon">https://dchealth.dc.gov/bon</a>	Yes
Florida	Florida Board of Nursing	(850) 488-0595	<a href="https://floridasnursing.gov/">https://floridasnursing.gov/</a>	Yes
Georgia	Georgia Board of Nursing	(404) 424-9966	<a href="https://sos.ga.gov/georgia-board-nursing">https://sos.ga.gov/georgia-board-nursing</a>	Yes
Hawaii	Hawaii Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Professional & Vocational Licensing Division - Board of Nursing	(808) 586-2695	<a href="https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/nursing/">https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/nursing/</a>	Yes
Idaho	Idaho Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses - Board of Nursing	(208) 577-2476	<a href="https://dopl.idaho.gov/bon/">https://dopl.idaho.gov/bon/</a>	Yes
Illinois	Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation - Board of Nursing	1-800-560-6420	<a href="https://idfpr.illinois.gov/profs/nursing.html">https://idfpr.illinois.gov/profs/nursing.html</a>	Yes
Indiana	Indiana Professional Licensing Agency - Nursing Board	(317) 232-2960	<a href="https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/nursing-home/">https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/nursing-home/</a>	No
Iowa	Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals, & Licensing - Board of Nursing	(515) 281-3255	<a href="https://dial.iowa.gov/licenses/medical/nursing-professional-midwifery/nursing-licensure">https://dial.iowa.gov/licenses/medical/nursing-professional-midwifery/nursing-licensure</a>	Yes

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Kansas	Kansas Board of Nursing	(785) 296-4929	<a href="https://ksbn.kansas.gov/">https://ksbn.kansas.gov/</a>	Yes
Kentucky	Kentucky Board of Nursing	(502) 429-3300 or 1-800-305-2042	<a href="https://kbn.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx">https://kbn.ky.gov/Pages/index.aspx</a>	Yes
Louisiana	Louisiana State Board of Nursing	(225) 755-7500	<a href="https://www.lsbns.state.la.us/">https://www.lsbns.state.la.us/</a>	Yes for BSN No for ABSN
Maine	Maine Department of Professional & Financial Regulation - State Board of Nursing	(207) 287-1133	<a href="https://www.maine.gov/boardofnursing/">https://www.maine.gov/boardofnursing/</a>	Yes
Maryland	Maryland Board of Nursing	(410) 585-1900 or (888) 202-9861	<a href="https://mbon.maryland.gov/Pages/default.aspx">https://mbon.maryland.gov/Pages/default.aspx</a>	Yes
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing	1-800-414-0168 OR (617) 973-0900	<a href="https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-registration-in-nursing">https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-registration-in-nursing</a>	Yes
Michigan	Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs - Board of Nursing	(517) 241-0199 [Press 1 when prompted]	<a href="https://www.michigan.gov/lara/bureau-list/bpl/health/hp-lic-health-prof/nursing">https://www.michigan.gov/lara/bureau-list/bpl/health/hp-lic-health-prof/nursing</a>	Yes for BSN No for ABSN
Minnesota	Minnesota Board of Nursing	(612) 317-3000	<a href="https://mn.gov/boards/nursing/">https://mn.gov/boards/nursing/</a>	Yes
Mississippi	Mississippi Board of Nursing	(601) 957-6300	<a href="http://www.msbn.ms.gov">www.msbn.ms.gov</a>	Yes
Missouri	Missouri Division of Professional Registration - Board of Nursing	(573) 751-0681	<a href="https://pr.mo.gov/nursing.asp">https://pr.mo.gov/nursing.asp</a>	Yes
Montana	Montana Department of Labor and Industry - Board of Nursing	(406) 444-6880	<a href="https://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/nursing/">https://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/nursing/</a>	Yes
Nebraska	Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Nurse Licensing	(402) 471-4376	<a href="https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Nurse-Licensing.aspx">https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Nurse-Licensing.aspx</a>	No
Nevada	Nevada State Board of Nursing	(888) 590-6726	<a href="https://nevadanursingboard.org/">https://nevadanursingboard.org/</a>	Yes

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New Hampshire	New Hampshire Office of Professional Licensure and Certification - Board of Nursing	(603) 271-2152	<a href="https://www.oplc.nh.gov/nursing/">https://www.oplc.nh.gov/nursing/</a>	Yes
New Jersey	New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs - Board of Nursing	(973) 504-6430	<a href="https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/nur">https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/nur</a>	Yes
New Mexico	New Mexico Board of Nursing	(505) 841-8340	<a href="https://www.bon.nm.gov/">https://www.bon.nm.gov/</a>	Yes
New York	New York State Education Department Office of the Professions - Board of Nursing	(518) 474-3817, Press 1 then ext. 120	<a href="https://www.op.nysed.gov/registered-professional-nursing">https://www.op.nysed.gov/registered-professional-nursing</a>	Yes
North Carolina	North Carolina Board of Nursing	(919) 782-3211	<a href="http://www.ncbon.com">www.ncbon.com</a>	Yes
North Dakota	North Dakota Board of Nursing	(701) 751-3000	<a href="https://www.ndbon.org/">https://www.ndbon.org/</a>	Yes for BSN No for ABSN
Ohio	Ohio Board of Nursing	(614) 466-3947	<a href="https://nursing.ohio.gov/">https://nursing.ohio.gov/</a>	Yes
Oklahoma	Oklahoma Board of Nursing	(405) 962-1800 or (405) 962-1832	<a href="https://oklahoma.gov/nursing.html">https://oklahoma.gov/nursing.html</a>	Yes
Oregon	Oregon State Board of Nursing	(971) 673-0685	<a href="https://www.oregon.gov/OSBN/pages/index.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/OSBN/pages/index.aspx</a>	Yes
Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing	1-833-367-2762	<a href="https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Nursing/Pages/Apply-Online.aspx">https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Nursing/Pages/Apply-Online.aspx</a>	Yes
Rhode Island	Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education	(401) 222-5960	<a href="https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=231">https://health.ri.gov/licenses/detail.php?id=231</a>	Yes
South Carolina	South Carolina Board of Nursing	(803) 896-4550	<a href="http://llr.sc.gov">http://llr.sc.gov</a>	Yes
South Dakota	South Dakota Board of Nursing	(605) 362-2760	<a href="https://doh.sd.gov/boards/nursing/">https://doh.sd.gov/boards/nursing/</a>	Yes

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Tennessee	Tennessee Board of Nursing	1-800 778-4123	<a href="https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/nursing-board/nursing-board/about.html">https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/nursing-board/nursing-board/about.html</a>	Yes
Texas	Texas Board of Nursing	(512) 305-7400	<a href="http://www.bon.state.tx.us">www.bon.state.tx.us</a>	Yes
Utah	Utah Department of Commerce, Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing - Board of Nursing	(801) 530-6628 (866) 275-3675 Toll-Free in Utah	<a href="https://dopl.utah.gov/nurse/">https://dopl.utah.gov/nurse/</a>	Yes
Vermont	Vermont Office of Professional Regulation - State Board of Nursing	(802) 828-1505	<a href="https://sos.vermont.gov/nursing/">https://sos.vermont.gov/nursing/</a>	Yes
Virginia	Virginia Department of Health Professions - Board of Nursing	(804) 367-4515	<a href="https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/Nursing/">https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/Nursing/</a>	Yes
Washington	Nursing Care and Quality Assurance Commission (housed at the WA Department of Health)	(360) 236-4703	<a href="https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/NursingCommission">https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/NursingCommission</a>	Yes
West Virginia	West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses	(304) 744-0900	<a href="http://www.wvrnboard.wv.gov">www.wvrnboard.wv.gov</a>	Yes
Wisconsin	Wisconsin Board of Nursing	(608) 266-2112	<a href="https://dsps.wi.gov/pages/BoardsCouncils/Nursing/Default.aspx">https://dsps.wi.gov/pages/BoardsCouncils/Nursing/Default.aspx</a>	Yes
Wyoming	Wyoming State Board of Nursing	(307) 777-7601	<a href="https://wsbn.wyo.gov/home">https://wsbn.wyo.gov/home</a>	Yes
American Samoa	American Samoa Health Services Regulatory Board	(684) 633-1222	<a href="https://ncsbn.org/bon-member-details/AmericanSamoa">https://ncsbn.org/bon-member-details/AmericanSamoa</a>	No - unable to determine
Federated States of Micronesia	Pohnpei State Department of Health and Social Services - Medical Services Division	(691) 320-2216	<a href="https://psdhs.fm/medical-services/">https://psdhs.fm/medical-services/</a>	No - unable to determine
Guam	Guam Board of Nurse Examiners	(671) 735-7409 or (671) 735-7404	<a href="https://guamhplo.org/gbne">https://guamhplo.org/gbne</a>	Yes

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Marshall Islands	Republic of Marshall Islands Ministry of Health & Human Services	(692) 625-5660/ 5661	<a href="https://rmihealth.org/">https://rmihealth.org/</a>	No - unable to determine
Northern Mariana Islands	CNMI Board of Nursing	(670) 233-2263 or (670) 234- 2264	<a href="https://nmibon.info/">https://nmibon.info/</a>	Yes
Palau	Palau Bureau of Nursing	(680) 488-2552 or (680) 488- 2553	<a href="https://www.palau.gov.pw/executive-branch/ministries/health/bureau-of-nursing/">https://www.palau.gov.pw/executive-branch/ministries/health/bureau-of-nursing/</a>	No - unable to determine
Puerto Rico	Puerto Rico Board of Nursing Examiners	(787) 765-2929	<a href="https://www.salud.pr.gov/CMS/126">https://www.salud.pr.gov/CMS/126</a>	No - unable to determine
US Virgin Islands	Virgin Islands Board of Nurse Licensure	St Croix: (340) 718-1311 St Thomas/St John: (340) 774- 9000	<a href="https://doh.vi.gov/programs/permits-licenses-and-certificates">https://doh.vi.gov/programs/permits-licenses-and-certificates</a>	Yes

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