

GUIDELINES FOR NURSING LICENSURE WITHIN DHCC

In addition to licensure requirements as per the “Application for Nursing License”, each nursing licensure applicant must meet the following education and training criteria:

For Registered Nurse Licensure:

- Graduated from an approved nursing program of at least three years (after high school) in length, and which provides clinical education in each of the following: adult medical/surgical nursing, maternal/infant nursing, pediatric nursing, and psychiatric/mental health nursing.
- Training and education must be in the jurisdiction where the applicant was originally licensed.
- Having a current and valid license to practice as a Registered Nurse.
- Having at least one year of experience in the intended field of practice.
- English proficiency exams, if the language of instruction of the nursing program is not in English.
- Favorable references.

For Registered Midwife Licensure:

- Successfully completed requirements for degree or diploma of RN. In addition, the applicant must show specific midwifery training during or following completion of their degree/diploma.
- Having at least two years of experience in the practice of midwifery.
- Having a current and valid license to practice as a nurse midwife in the jurisdiction from which the applicant is applying.
- Meets the minimum of 400 hours of current practice within the preceding biennium, unless the applicant has completed an advanced educational program within the preceding biennium.
- Having obtained 20 contact hours of continuing education in the specialty every two years.
- English proficiency exams, if the language of instruction of the nursing program is not in English.
- Favorable references.

For Practical Nurse Licensure:

- Graduated from a practical nurse program that is at least one year in length and which provided theory and clinical education in each of the following: adult med/surgical nursing, maternal/infant nursing, and pediatric nursing as well as theoretical education on mental health nursing. Alternatively, licensed as a Registered Nurse, but not meeting the educational requirements for RN status in DHCC.
- Having a current and valid license to practice as a Practical Nurse.
- Having at least one year of experience in the intended field of practice.
- English proficiency exams, if the language of instruction of the nursing program is not in English.
- Favorable references.

For Nursing Assistant Certification:

- High school diploma.
- Holds certification received after training for a nursing assistant role, OR
- Has had sufficient healthcare experience to function in accordance with the Standards of Conduct for the Certified Nursing Assistant.

For further information on the licensing procedure please contact:

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