

LEGAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR R.N. LICENSURE

ELIGIBILITY FOR R.N. LICENSURE IN KANSAS:

An applicant for a license to practice as a registered professional nurse in Kansas shall:

1. Have graduated from an approved school of professional nursing in the United States or its territories or from a school of professional nursing in a foreign country which is approved by the board as defined in rules and regulations;
2. Have obtained other qualifications not in conflict with this act as the board may prescribe by rule and regulation; and
3. File with the board written application for a license.

POTENTIAL LIMITS TO R.N. LICENSURE IN KANSAS:

The Kansas State Board of Nursing may deny, revoke, limit or suspend a nursing license. Reasons for this action include fraud or deceit in practicing nursing or in procuring a license; holding a felony conviction; being incompetent; being unable to practice due to abuse of drugs or alcohol; being judged in need of a guardian; exhibiting unprofessional conduct; having violated the provisions of the Kansas Nurse Practice Act; having action taken against your nursing license in another state; and assisting in suicide.

The Kansas Nurse Practice Act was amended in 1997 to add a new provision in the felony section: **No person who has been convicted of a felony against persons** (as specified in Article 34, Chapter 21 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, prior to its repeal, or sections 36 through 64-174, 210 or 211 of chapter 136 of the 2010 Session Laws of Kansas and amendments thereto) **shall be licensed**.

In other felony or misdemeanor instances, the Board of Nursing will conduct an investigation and make an individual decision. Applicants for NCLEX-RN testing and licensure are required to report to the Kansas State Board of Nursing any convictions (or pending actions) for felonies and/or misdemeanors.

A list of reportable misdemeanor convictions is provided by the Kansas State Board of Nursing, included in the *Hesston College BSN Student Handbook*, and available upon request from the Hesston College nursing office.

Taken From:

Kansas Nurse Practice Act: Laws and Administrative Regulations. Topeka, KS: Kansas State Board of Nursing, Statutes 65-1115 and 65-1120. (Note: The complete *Kansas Nurse Practice Act* is available on-line at www.ksbn.org.)

LICENSURE IN A STATE OTHER THAN KANSAS:

Students considering an academic program, such as nursing, as a pathway to professional licensure or certification in any field should note:

- Hesston College cannot confirm whether the program meets requirements for professional licensure in states other than Kansas.
- Students must seek guidance from their home state licensing agency BEFORE enrolling in the academic program to ensure that a license can be obtained.
- Two resources that may be helpful in researching nursing professional licensure requirements: National Council of State Boards of Nursing Board of Nursing Professional Licensure Requirements, Contact a U.S. State Board of Nursing

DISCLAIMER:

Admission to and graduation from the Hesston College nursing program does not guarantee eligibility to test for a nursing license in Kansas or any other state.