

The Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing is now requiring a minimum of 1,500 training hours in order to take the PA licensing examination. Our BOCES program, approved by the New York State Education Department, is a total of 1,300 training hours.

In order to seek licensure in Pennsylvania, you have the following options:

1. **CONTINUING EDUCATION.** The CE must be relevant to patient care or nursing in a general or a specialty area and enhance the knowledge and application of the physical, social, biological and behavioral sciences. Courses in areas related to nursing or affecting nursing practice such as but not limited to the following are acceptable: human sexuality, death, dying and grief, foreign language relevant to health care, therapeutic interpersonal relationship skills, patient rights, and pharmacology. All credited course work must be converted to clock hours. Please refer to the course provider for this information. Submit a copy of the certificates of completion or transcripts to the Board office; AND/OR
2. **EXPERIENCE AS A PRACTICAL NURSE.** Each hour worked as a practical nurse under a temporary practice permit or other appropriate authorization can be credited on an hourly basis. Acceptable documentation is limited to a letter sent directly from your employer(s) verifying the dates of employment, the number of hours worked per week, and a brief description of the services provided as a practical nurse.

**Please note that while this may cause a delay in obtaining Pennsylvania licensure, you are able to obtain New York licensure immediately after graduation or you may follow one of the two steps listed above. After you have worked 200 hours in New York as a licensed nurse, you are eligible to apply for Pennsylvania licensure.**