

**60-3-106. Licensure qualifications.**

- (a) As part of the application process, each individual applying for original licensure in Kansas who is a graduate of a foreign nursing school shall submit that individual's education and licensure credentials for evaluation to a credentialing agency approved by the board.
- (b) Any individual applying for licensure in Kansas who is a graduate of a foreign nursing school in which instruction was not in English may be granted a license if that individual meets all other requirements for licensure in effect at the time of application and shows proof of proficiency in English by passing one of the following:
  - (1) The test of English as a foreign language and the test of spoken English; or
  - (2) similar examinations, as approved by the board.
- (c) Each graduate of a foreign nursing school licensed in another jurisdiction shall submit that individual's education and licensure credentials for evaluation to a credentialing agency approved by the board or to the board's representative.
- (d) If an individual fails to pass the licensure examination or does not take the licensure examination within 24 months after graduation, the individual shall petition the board in writing before being allowed to take or retake the licensure examination. The petition shall be submitted on a form provided by the board and shall contain the following, as applicable:
  - (1) The name of the school of graduation;
  - (2) the date of graduation;
  - (3) the number of months or years since graduation;
  - (4) the number of times that the individual has taken the licensure examination;
  - (5) the dates of the licensure examinations;
  - (6) areas of deficiency identified on the diagnostic profile for each examination;
  - (7) copies of all diagnostic profiles;
  - (8) any study completed since the last attempt of taking the licensure examination;
  - (9) any work experience in the last two years; and
  - (10) a sworn statement by the petitioner that the facts contained in the petition are true to the best of that person's knowledge and belief.
- (e) An individual shall be allowed by the board to retake the licensure examination after 24 months from graduation only upon demonstrating to the board's satisfaction that the individual has identified and addressed the reasons for prior failure and that there is a reasonable probability that the individual will pass the examination. A plan of study or review course may be required by the board before the individual retakes the licensure examination.
- (f) If the board requires a plan of study before retaking the licensure examination, the plan shall contain the following:
  - (1) A list of all the low performance areas of the test plan identified by the diagnostic profile from each examination;
  - (2) a specific content outline for all of the areas of low performance on the diagnostic profile;
  - (3) methods of study, including the following:
    - (A) Self-study;
    - (B) study groups;
    - (C) tutors; or
    - (D) any other methods approved by the board;
  - (4) a schedule for study that meets the following requirements:
    - (A) 30 hours for each low performance area;
    - (B) a start date; and
    - (C) completion in six months or the petition shall be considered abandoned;
  - (5) learning resources identified to be used in the study that meet these requirements:
    - (A) A written bibliography in a standard documentation format, with resources no more than five years old; and
    - (B) four types for each low performance area selected from the list as follows:
      - (i) Textbooks;
      - (ii) journals;
      - (iii) review books;
      - (iv) audiovisuals;
      - (v) computer-assisted instruction; or
      - (vi) computer review programs.

- (g) A registered professional nurse shall provide written verification that the individual has completed the study plan.
- (h) Academic nursing courses, clinical observations, or other learning activities to meet study requirements may also be prescribed by the board.

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