

# **NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAMS and ELIGIBILITY FOR INITIAL LICENSURE IN UTAH**

In order to be made eligible for initial licensure as a practical or registered nurse in Utah, applicants must graduate from an “accredited” nursing program.

A few nursing programs in Utah were granted “limited-time approval” prior to the 2016 statutory changes in §Utah Code 58-31b-601: [http://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title58/Chapter31B/58-31b-S601.html?v=C58-31b-S601\\_2016051020160510](http://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title58/Chapter31B/58-31b-S601.html?v=C58-31b-S601_2016051020160510)

To better understand accreditation of nursing education programs, please review this document: [https://www.ncsbn.org/Differences\\_between\\_BON\\_approval\\_and\\_accreditation.pdf](https://www.ncsbn.org/Differences_between_BON_approval_and_accreditation.pdf)

It is the responsibility of each nurse to be aware of the Laws and Rules for their profession. The Laws and Rules governing licensure and practice in Utah are available at: <http://www.dopl.utah.gov/licensing/nursing.html>

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR RECENT GRADUATES SEEKING INITIAL LICENSURE IN UTAH:**

For individuals who graduate from a nursing education program located outside the State of Utah the nursing education program, *at the time of graduation*, must have been accredited by an accrediting body for pre-licensure nursing education approved by the U.S. Department of Education.

The nursing education accrediting bodies currently approved by the U.S. Department of Education are:

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)  
<http://www.acenursing.org/>

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)  
<http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation>

Before applying for initial licensure in Utah, applicants should check the accrediting body website to ensure that the program from which they graduated is accredited (or was accredited at the time of graduation). If the nursing education program, located outside the State of Utah, was not accredited by either ACEN or CCNE at the time of graduation, the application will be *denied*.

## **PRE-LICENSURE NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN UTAH THAT HAVE BEEN GRANTED LIMITED-TIME APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF NURSING:**

(*Current:* November 2016.)

### **Practical Nurse Programs**

Tooele Applied Technology College

### **Registered Nurse Programs- Baccalaureate**

### **Registered Nurse Programs-Associate**

Stevens-Henager College (Ogden)

## **NOTES:**

- The ability to license or licensure in Utah does not guarantee either in another jurisdiction.
- Each individual must meet the licensing requirements for the state in which they plan to license.
- It is recommended that you apply for initial licensure in the state where you intend to practice.
- Multi-state or “compact” licenses are issued only to legal residents of the compact state. Each individual must obtain licensure through the state of their legal residence.
- Some employers may require, regardless of licensure status, that applicants graduate from an *accredited* program in order to be eligible for hire.