



**Georgia Licensing Requirements for Excelsior College Associate Degree Graduates
Based on SB 100 (AM 33 1137) April 2011**

In April 2011, the Georgia Legislature approved amendments to the Georgia Nurse Practice Act that revise the requirements for RN licensure that affect associate degree in nursing graduates of Excelsior College. The Governor signed these changes into law on May 13, 2011. The following chart is intended to provide information on how to interpret these changes. Please note, however, that although signed into law, the Board of Nursing (BON) must develop procedures to implement these requirements.

For LPNs who Apply for LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION

<p>If you were an <u>LPN</u> upon enrollment AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You have <u>at least two years experience in the past five years*</u> in an acute care in-patient facility or a long-term acute care facility <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> your academic education as an LPN included clinical training in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, medical-surgical, and mental illness You will be eligible to apply for licensure by examination in Georgia provided you meet all other licensing requirements (i.e., background check, etc.) 	<p>If you were an <u>LPN</u> upon enrollment AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You have <u>at least two years experience in the past five years</u> in any setting (except night duty in a skilled nursing facility) <p>BUT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>You have less than two years experience in the past five years</u> in an acute care in-patient facility or a long-term acute care facility <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> your academic education as an LPN included clinical training in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, medical-surgical, and mental illness you will be required to complete a 320-hour post-graduation precepted experience in an acute care in-patient facility or a long-term acute care facility* that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> you arrange, is under the oversight of an RN 	<p>If you were an <u>LPN</u> upon enrollment AND</p> <p>You have <u>less than two years experience in the past five years</u> in an acute care inpatient facility or a long-term acute care facility</p> <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> your academic education as an LPN did NOT include clinical training in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, medical-surgical, and mental illness you will be required to complete a 480 hour post-graduation precepted
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<p>*Upon application for licensure, your clinical experience shall be documented in writing by your immediate supervisor stating that, in his or her opinion, you have exhibited the critical thinking abilities, clinical skills, and leadership abilities that would indicate the ability to work as a beginning RN.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is approved by the BON, and is verified in writing by the preceptor <p>*If you can show that you cannot find a preceptorship in an acute care facility or a long-term acute care facility, the Board may authorize a preceptorship in a skilled nursing facility, if the facility has at least 100 beds.</p>	<p>experience that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ you arrange, ○ is under the oversight of an RN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • and shall be in the area or areas as determined by the Board, on a case-by-case basis, which MAY include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ pediatrics, ○ obstetrics and gynecology, ○ medical-surgical, ○ mental illness, and ○ transition into the role of a registered professional nurse
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For Paramedics who Apply for LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION

If you were a **paramedic** with at least **two years** of experience prior to entering the program, you will be required to complete a **480** hour post-graduation precepted experience that:

- you arrange,
- is under the oversight of a registered professional nurse

and shall be in the area or areas as determined by the Board, on a case-by-case basis, which MAY include:

- pediatrics,
- obstetrics and gynecology,
- medical-surgical,
- mental illness, and
- transition into the role of a registered professional nurse

For Military Service Corpsmen who Apply for LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION

If you were a **military medical corpsman** with at least **two years** of experience as a military medical corpsman, you will be required to complete a post-graduation preceptorship of **at least 480 hours, but not more than 640 hours**, as determined by the Board that:

- you arrange,
- is under the oversight of a registered professional nurse

For Students & Graduates Who are **NOT LPNs, Paramedics, or Military Medical Corpsmen**

If you enrolled prior to July 1, 2008 and earned your degree no later than June 30, 2015,

- you will be eligible to apply for licensure by examination in Georgia provided you meet all other licensing requirements (i.e., background check, etc.)
- you will be required to complete a post graduation preceptorship of 640 hours in an acute care inpatient facility or a long-term acute care facility. The Board may authorize a preceptorship in other facilities to obtain specialized experience in certain areas.

For Graduates licensed as RNs in any US Jurisdiction Who Apply for LICENSURE BY **ENDORSEMENT**

If you were an **LPN** upon enrollment
AND
your academic education as an LPN included clinical training in

- pediatrics,
- obstetrics and gynecology,
- medical-surgical, and
- mental illness,

AND

- You have practiced as an RN in a health care facility* for at **least one year in the three years preceding the date of application**, you will receive a license to practice as an RN in Georgia provided you meet all other licensing requirements.

HOWEVER

- If you have practiced as an RN in a health care facility* for **less than one year** in the three years preceding the date of application, you will be required to complete a

If you were an **LPN**, BUT your academic education as an LPN did NOT include clinical training in

- pediatrics,
- obstetrics and gynecology,
- medical-surgical, and
- mental illness,

AND

- You have practiced as an RN in a health care facility* for at **least two years in the past five years preceding the date of application**, you will be eligible for licensure in Georgia provided you meet all other licensing requirements.

HOWEVER

- If you have practiced as an RN in a health care facility* for **less than two years** in the five years preceding the date of application, you will be required to complete a preceptorship of at least 480 hours but not more than 640 hours, as determined by the Board, that:

If you were **NOT** an LPN,

AND

- You have practiced as an RN in a health care facility* for at **least two years in the past five years preceding the date of application**, you will be eligible for licensure in Georgia provided you meet all other licensing requirements.

HOWEVER

- If you have practiced as an RN in a health care facility* for **less than two years** in the five years preceding the date of application, you will be required to complete a preceptorship of at least 480 hours

<p>320 hour preceptorship that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ you arrange, ○ is under the oversight of a registered professional nurse 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ you arrange, ○ is under the oversight of a registered professional nurse <p style="text-align: center;">*</p>	<p>but not more than 640 hours, as determined by the Board, that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ you arrange, ○ is under the oversight of a registered professional nurse
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Definitions:

***Health care facility** means:

- An acute care inpatient facility
- A long term acute care facility
- An ambulatory surgical center or obstetrical facility**
- A skilled nursing facility so long as such skilled nursing care facility has 100 beds or more and provides health care to patients with similar health care needs as those patients in a long term care acute care facility.

****Ambulatory surgical center or obstetrical facility** means a public or private facility, not a part of a hospital, which provides surgical or obstetrical treatment performed under general or regional anesthesia in an operating room environment to patients not requiring hospitalization.