

Non-Licensure Nursing Program Authorizations

These programs are intended for nurses who already hold a valid RN license, and are not designed to text-ig to any additional state licensure or certification.

- Nursing (BSN) - RN to BSN
- Nursing (MSN) - Informatics, Leadership, and Nurse Educator Tracks
- The Nursing (MSN) - Leadership Track prepares students to sit for the Nurse Executive Certification (NE-BC) exam through the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)
- The Nursing (MSN) - Nurse Educator Track prepares students to sit for the Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) exam through the National League of Nursing (NLN)
- Graduate Certificates: Healthcare Informatics

RN to BSN

The RN-BSN program is **currently approved or exempt from approval**, and meet the regulatory requirements to be offered to students who are physically present in the following states:

- Alabama
- Arkansas
- California
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- District of Columbia
- Florida
- Hawaii
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa *
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- Montana
- Nebraska
- Nevada
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- North Carolina
- North Dakota
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
- South Carolina
- South Dakota

- Texas
- Vermont
- Virginia
- West Virginia
- Wisconsin

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- who has been denied licensure by the board.
- whose license is currently suspended, surrendered or revoked in any U.S. jurisdiction.
- whose license/registration is currently suspended, surrendered or revoked in another country due to disciplinary action.

The RN-BSN programs **cannot** enroll students who are physically present in:

- Arizona
- Colorado
- Idaho
- Louisiana
- New York
- Oklahoma
- Tennessee
- Utah
- Washington

MSN Nursing program and Graduate Certificates: Healthcare Informatics

The MSN Nursing program and Nursing Graduate Certificates are currently approved or exempt from approval, and meet the regulatory requirements to be offered to students who are physically present in the following states:

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- Arkansas
- California
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- District of Columbia
- Florida
- Hawaii
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa *
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Mississippi
- Montana
- Nevada
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
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- North Dakota
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- Nebraska
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- Pennsylvania
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Utah
- Washington
- Wyoming

Clinicals: The ability to participate in clinical placements in your state is contingent on:

- clinical work taking place in an approved state,
- holding a current, unencumbered state RN license, and
- your ability to secure a program approved clinical site and preceptor.

Accreditation: Our BSN Nursing programs and the MSN Nursing program are nationally accredited by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing- Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), and have the approval of the Georgia Board of Nursing.

Columbus State University is regionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACS-COC).

Contact the State Authorization office at state_authorization@columbusstate.edu for additional details on out of state requirements for these programs, or if you do not see your state included in the information above. Your email should include:

- Your name
- State(s) you will physically live in while taking classes/participating in field experiences
- State you want to seek licensure or certification in (if different)
- Program of interest