Licensure

Graduate Entry Prespecialty in Nursing (GEPN)

Students in the Graduate Entry Prespecialty in Nursing must pass the NCLEX-RN and submit proof of their Connecticut R.N. licensure by December 1 of the first year of their specialty program.* Any student who does not pass the NCLEX-RN, or who does not sit for the NCLEX-RN prior to this date, may be required to withdraw or take a leave of absence and will be required to make individual arrangements for completion of the specialty requirements after receiving a passing grade on the NCLEX-RN. GEPN students must follow steps outlined in the Student NCLEX Reporting Process (https://nursing.yale.edu/sites/default/files/files/NCLEXReporting.pdf).

* Some specialties may have licensure requirements based on the licensure requirement of the assigned clinical sites. In such circumstances, students are advised to obtain their Connecticut R.N. license as quickly as possible to ensure they can continue with their clinical hours at sites with R.N. licensure requirements.

Master’s Program for Nurses with Baccalaureate Degrees

Requirements for admission for registered nurses include a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university, and graduation from a school of nursing. Applicants must be licensed in at least one state. If the student is a new graduate from a school of nursing, the student’s Connecticut R.N. license must be submitted 90 days from the student’s graduation date. Incoming students with an out-of-state R.N. license must obtain a Connecticut R.N. license prior to enrollment and no later than August 1. All students are required to maintain active Connecticut R.N. licensure and Basic Life Support (BLS) for the Healthcare Professional certification through the American Heart Association while enrolled in the School of Nursing. Students who have not passed the NCLEX-RN by the above mentioned dates may be required to withdraw or take a leave of absence and will be required to make individual arrangements for completion of the specialty requirements after passing the NCLEX-RN exam.

Doctor of Nursing Practice Programs

Applicants to the Healthcare Leadership, Systems, and Policy D.N.P. program must hold a current R.N. license to practice in the United States. Clinical D.N.P. program applicants must hold a current license to practice as an R.N. as well as an advanced practice nurse or certified midwife in the United States prior to the start of the first term of the Clinical D.N.P. program.

Ph.D. Students

An active R.N. license is not required unless the student is practicing. However, Ph.D. students are encouraged to maintain their R.N. license.