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 January 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 December 1 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/enrollment-management/registrar/registrar-policies/student-nclex-reporting-process).

* Acute Care specialty students must have passed their NCLEX by October 10 of their first specialty year. 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 ninety 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. Students who have not passed the NCLEX-RN by the above-mentioned dates will be required to withdraw or take a leave of absence and 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.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY STUDENTS
Ph.D. students are not required to have an active R.N. license unless they are practicing. However, they are encouraged to maintain their R.N. license.