

Enrolled Senate Bill 40

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CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to nursing education; creating new provisions; amending ORS 678.040; and prescribing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 678.040 is amended to read:

678.040. An applicant for a license under ORS 678.010 to 678.448 shall provide to the Oregon State Board of Nursing satisfactory evidence that the applicant's physical and mental health is such that it is safe for the applicant to practice, and that:

(1) The applicant has graduated:

(a) From a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse nursing education program approved by the Oregon State Board of Nursing;

(b) From a nursing program in the United States that **included in its curriculum a clinical component, as defined by the board by rule, and:**

(A) Is accredited or approved by the licensing board for nurses in a particular state or United States territory and approved by the Oregon State Board of Nursing; or

(B) If the licensing board is not the accrediting or approval agency in that state or United States territory, is accredited or approved by the appropriate agency for that state or United States territory and approved by the Oregon State Board of Nursing;

(c) In another country and has an education equivalent to that provided by accredited or approved programs in this country; or

(d) From a military training program that the board specifies by rule to be qualified as a nursing education program for a licensed practical nurse; or

(2) If the applicant is an applicant for licensure by indorsement, the applicant:

(a) **Is currently or** has been licensed as a licensed practical nurse in another state or territory of the United States based upon recognition of the applicant's military education[.]; **or**

(b) **Has graduated from a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse nursing education program that included in its curriculum a clinical component, as defined by the board by rule.**

SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 678.040 by section 1 of this 2021 Act apply to licenses issued on and after the operative date specified in section 3 of this 2021 Act.

SECTION 3. (1) The amendments to ORS 678.040 by section 1 of this 2021 Act become operative on January 1, 2022.

(2) The Oregon State Board of Nursing may take any action before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the board to exercise, on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, functions and powers conferred on the board by the amendments to ORS 678.040 by section 1 of this 2021 Act.

SECTION 4. This 2021 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2021 regular session of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

Passed by Senate March 10, 2021

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Lori L. Brocker, Secretary of Senate

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

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