

Kansas State Board of Nursing

Monthly Update

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The mission of the Board of Nursing is to assure the citizens of Kansas safe and competent practice by nurses and mental health technicians



Due to social distancing requirements, we must limit the number in our lobby to no more than 2 at a time. It is highly recommended that you conduct your business with the Board of Nursing via online services, mail, phone call, email or by making an appointment (785-296-2967). There is a secure drop box located outside of the agency that is available for anyone to drop off documents for the Board of Nursing. There is a button to push by the agency door to gain access to the agency. KSBN NO longer performs fingerprinting services in the agency. There is a [list of the sites with contact information on our website](#). The majority of staff continue to telework to decrease possible exposure. The best way to contact them is via their email. You may find our direct agency contact information listed under [Staff Directory](#) on our website. Please continue to follow our website and social media [[Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)] and our [COVID-19 Information Center](#) for agency updates and frequently asked questions.

⇒ **Agency processing times:** There are licensing requirements that must be met before a license can be issued. This includes information that must be reviewed and processed once received in our agency. **It slows processing times when staff must respond to numerous emails and phone calls as to whether a piece of information has been received and processed.** Please continue to check your application checklist as we will update it as information is processed. Another important reminder, licenses are issued on an individual basis and times may differ for each applicant. If an applicant has a legal background, legal information must be reviewed prior to the applicant being approved for licensure.

⇒ **License expiration dates:** Executive Order No. 21-09 was signed by Governor Kelly on April 1, 2021. It extends the expiration date for any license that was in good standing as of March 12, 2020, that has expired or will expire during the State of Disaster Emergency, and such licenses shall remain valid until 90 days following the termination of the State of Disaster Emergency. All state agencies shall also extend the deadline for any continuing education requirements mandated by the agency until 90 days following the termination of the State of Disaster Emergency. The State of Disaster Emergency has been extended to May 28, 2021 by Section 5 of Senate Bill 40 enacted during the 2021 Legislative Session. **This means that licenses that had/have an expiration date of March 31, 2020 through July 31, 2021 will now have an expiration date of August 28, 2021. These licenses will be lapsed if not renewed by August 29, 2021.** The required 30 hours of continuing nursing education must be completed at the time of renewal. Licensees can continue to renew at the normal expiration date.

⇒ **Important reminders about prior provisions that have expired:**

- Licensed APRNs and CRNAs may provide healthcare services appropriate to their advanced practice education, training and experience within a designated healthcare facility at which they are employed or contracted to work as necessary to support the facility's response to the COVID-19 pandemic without direction and supervision from a responsible physician (**expired March 31, 2021 no longer in effect**)
- A RN or LPN may order the collection of throat or nasopharyngeal swab specimens from individuals suspected of being infected by COVID-19 for purposes of testing (**expired March 31, 2021 no longer in effect**)
- A LPN may provide healthcare services appropriate to such LPN's education, training and experience within a designated healthcare facility at which the LPN is employed or contracted to work as necessary to support the facility's response to the COVID-19 pandemic without direction from a RN (**expired March 31, 2021 no longer in effect**)
- A RN or LPN who holds a license that is exempt or inactive or whose license has lapsed within the past five years may provide healthcare services appropriate to the nurse's education, training and experience without an active license to practice. Such RN or LPN shall not be liable in any criminal prosecution, civil action or administrative proceeding arising out of such nurse's exempt, inactive or lapsed license (**expired March 31, 2021 no longer in effect**)
- A nurse licensed and in good standing in another state may practice nursing in the state of Kansas. For purposes of this subsection, a license that has been suspended or revoked or a license that is subject to pending license-related disciplinary action shall not be considered to be in good standing. (**expired March 31, 2021 no longer in effect**)
- Nurses meeting the requirements may have their license reinstated within five years of lapse without the requirements of continuing education and payment of a fee. (**expired March 31, 2021 no longer in effect**)

Thank you for your continued support during these challenging times. Stay safe and healthy!

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