

Professional Licensure / Certification Requirements

Bellin College participates in federal financial aid programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965. Therefore, Bellin College is required to comply with the Program Integrity Misrepresentation rules published in 2010 and State Authorization regulations (which vary from state to state) in application to online/distance education programs. The regulations require institutions of higher education to obtain approval from the states in which they provide postsecondary education programs. Bellin College participates in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA), which is an agreement among states that establishes national standards for the interstate offering of postsecondary distance education courses and programs. Through SARA, Bellin College may provide distance education to residents of any other SARA member state without seeking authorization from each SARA member state.

At this time, the Bellin College BSN program and MSN Family Nurse Practitioner program are only offered in on campus or hybrid format. The information provided may be of benefit to graduates pursuing licensure or certification outside of Wisconsin post-graduation.

We urge students / graduates to review the regulations regarding authorization of your specific state if you are **all** the following:

- a U.S. citizen
- do not live in Wisconsin
- are thinking about enrolling in a Bellin College program with the intent of residing outside of WI post-graduation.

If you become a Bellin College student, you are responsible for checking program authorization and licensure requirements in your state of residence. Rules and regulations vary by state. If you move to a new state, you are responsible for ensuring our program is approved in your new state. **Note: State regulations are being modified frequently throughout the pandemic. Applicants and graduates interested in out of state licensure / certification are encouraged to keep up to date on the requirements of their desired state.**

National Licensure & Certification

Completion of Bellin College's [CCNE](#) accredited [Bachelor of Science in Nursing](#) program meets the educational requirements to apply for the NCLEX exam for Registered Nurses (RNs).

Completion of Bellin College's [CCNE](#) accredited [Master of Science in Nursing Family Nurse Practitioner \(FNP\)](#) program and [Post Graduate Family Nurse Practitioner certificate](#) option meet the educational requirements to apply for [ANCC FNP-BC](#) and/or [AANP FNP](#).

State	RN	APRN Practice	State Board of Nursing
ALL	N/A	All states have varying scope of practice and variations for prescriptive authority and continuing education. Additionally, all require an active RN license for the state/and or compact state.	
Alabama	Compact state Meets	Meets Advanced Practice Nursing (APN) approval as a Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner (CRNP)	Alabama Board of Nursing
Alaska	Meets	Meets the requirements to apply for an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) license.	Alaska Board of Nursing
American Samoa	Unable to determine	Unable to determine	American Samoa Board of Nursing
Arizona	Meets Compact state	Meets the requirements to apply for an Advanced Practice (AP) nurse approval as a Registered Nurse Practitioner (RNP) in Arizona. RNP applicants requesting prescribing and dispensing privileges, must also submit written evidence of 45 contact hours of education in pharmacology or clinical management of drug therapy within the three-year period immediately preceding their application.	Arizona State Board of Nursing
Arkansas	Meets Compact state	Meets Note: Eligibility for licensure as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) is considered after verification of active practice of nursing as a registered nurse for a minimum of two thousand (2,000) hours.	Arkansas Board of Nursing
California	Undetermined. The California Board of Registered Nursing reviews transcripts at the time an individual applies for a license to determine whether a program meets curricular requirements. Therefore, Bellin College cannot determine whether completion of the CCNE accredited Bachelor of Science in Nursing	Undetermined. Nurse Practitioner (NP) license requires successful completion of a nurse practitioner education program approved by the Board. It is unclear if Bellin College would be approved by the Board in California (CA). CA has three methods; graduates of Bellin would apply for NP practice via the “Non-California Based Nurse Practitioner Program” method.	California Board of Registered Nursing

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	<p>program meets the educational requirements to apply for RN licensure in California.</p>		
Colorado	<p>Meets Compact state</p>	<p>Meets Advanced Practice Registration as an Advanced Practice Nurse (APN) also requires proof of professional liability insurance. Prescriptive authority requires an additional application and license.</p>	<p>Colorado Board of Nursing</p>
Connecticut	<p>Meets for 3 year and transfer options and undetermined for the 15-month option, as the program is 7 sessions (8 weeks each) over 18 months for a total of 64 nursing credits. The minimum length of the nursing component of the program must be equivalent to four (4) fifteen (15) week academic semesters and contain a minimum of thirty-five (35) semester hours of credit in nursing. Fifty percent (50%) of contact hours shall be in supervised direct client care experiences, observational experiences and simulated experiences appropriate to the program's educational outcomes, and laboratory experiences for the acquisition and practice of clinical nursing skills.</p>	<p>Meets Must also have successfully completed thirty (30) hours of education in pharmacology for advanced nursing practice.</p>	<p>Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing</p>
Delaware	<p>Meets, Compact state Meets the requirement of 400 hours of clinical experience for RN students. A Nursing School Reference form is required.</p>	<p>Meets Enacted APRN compact legislation.</p>	<p>Delaware Board of Nursing</p>

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District of Columbia (D.C)	Meets	Meets As of 4/30/24, Does not recognize AANPCB PMHNP certification.	District of Columbia Board of Nursing
Florida	Meets Compact state	Meets Must also provide proof of malpractice insurance or exemption.	Florida Board of Nursing
Georgia	Meets, Compact state	Meets	Georgia Board of Nursing
Guam	Meets, Compact state	Meets	Guam Board of Nurse Examiners
Hawaii	Meets	Meets Prescriptive authority requires 30 contact hours of advanced pharmacology – may be met by course or continuing education.	Hawaii Board of Nursing
Idaho	Meets, Compact state	Meets	Idaho Board of Nursing
Illinois	Meets	Meets	Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation
Indiana	Meets, Compact state	Meets	Indiana State Board of Nursing
Iowa	Meets, Compact state	Meets	Iowa Board of Nursing
Kansas	Meets, Compact state	Meets	Kansas Board of Nursing
Kentucky	Meets, Compact state	Meets	Kentucky Board of Nursing
Louisiana	Compact state, however, unable to determine. Applicant must complete a nursing program that meets or exceeds the educational standards for programs in Louisiana; however, the specifics are not specified. Therefore, Bellin College cannot determine if completion of the CCNE accredited Bellin College BSN program meets these standards.	Unable to determine The Louisiana State Board of Nursing reviews transcripts at the time of application for certain course work required by the board. The specifics of the required course work are not specified, therefore Bellin College cannot determine if completion of the CCNE accredited Master of Science in Nursing Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) or PMHNP programs and Post Graduate FNP and PMHNP certificate options meet the educational requirements to apply for an APRN license in Louisiana.	Louisiana State Board of Nursing
Maine	Meets, Compact state	Meets	Maine Board of Nursing

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Maryland	Meets, Compact state. A degree from a registered nursing education program in any other state that the Board finds substantially equivalent to the programs in the State of Maryland is required. An out-of-state nursing education pre licensure program's substantial equivalency assessment tool form must be completed. Bellin College is on the list of schools that have met the requirements to be substantially equivalent under NPA § 8-302(b) (2) COMAR 10.27.03	Undetermined. Bellin College is not on the list of "Approved Advanced Nurse Practice Programs (2/7/2024). Applicants for licensure can submit an approval request form at time of the application. Bellin College does meet the criteria for accreditation.	Maryland Board of Nursing
Massachusetts	Unable to determine. The curriculum needs to include theoretical and clinical components for nursing across the lifespan (this includes: Medical/Surgical, Pediatrics, Obstetrical, and Mental Health); Student may or may not have clinicals in all three specialty areas: pediatrics, OB, mental health.	Meets Additionally will need "Participation in or application for participation in MassHealth as a provider of services or as a non-billing provider" and meet the " Good Moral Character requirements " as defined by Massachusetts state law.	Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing
Michigan	Meets. Applicants must also complete mandatory approved training on identification of human trafficking victims (effective January 2022) and complete 2 hours of implicit bias training within 5 years immediately preceding issuance of the license (effective June 2022)	Meets Applicants must also complete mandatory approved training on identification of human trafficking victims (effective January 2022).	Michigan Board of Nursing

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Minnesota	Meets	Meets	Minnesota Board of Nursing
Mississippi	Compact state, however, the nursing program (RN) must substantially meet the same educational criteria as Mississippi nursing programs; however, the specifics are not identified. Therefore, Bellin College cannot determine if completion of the CCNE accredited Bellin College BSN program meets these standards	Meets	Mississippi Board of Nursing
Missouri	Meets, Compact state	Meets As of 4/30/24, Does not recognize AANPCB PMHNP certification.	Missouri Board of Nursing
Montana	Meets, Compact state	Meets	Montana Board of Nursing
Nebraska	Meets, Compact state	Meets	Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services
Nevada	Meets	Meets	Nevada State Board of Nursing
New Hampshire	Meets Compact state	Meets	New Hampshire Board of Nursing
New Jersey	Meets, Compact state	Meets	New Jersey Board of Nursing
New Mexico	Meets, Compact state	Meets	New Mexico Board of Nursing
New York	Meets. Applicants must also complete the New York State required infection control coursework and child abuse reporting coursework (if not qualified for an exemption).	Meets Additional Mandatory Prescriber Education instruction specific to New York State and Federal laws related to prescriptions and record keeping is required. As of 4/30/24, Does not recognize AANPCB PMHNP certification.	New York Office of Professional Nursing
North Carolina	Meets, Compact state	Meets	North Carolina Board of Nursing
North Dakota	Meets Compact state	Meets Enacted APRN compact legislation.	North Dakota Board of Nursing
Ohio	Meets	Meets	Ohio Board of Nursing

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	Compact state 1/1/23		
Oklahoma	Compact state Unable to determine. Bellin college meets requirements of having theory in the care of the adult and child, maternal-newborn nursing, and psychiatric-mental health nursing but having a clinical experience in all of these areas is unable to be guaranteed. Bellin College offers adult health clinicals, a specialty clinical, and a simulation course, but clinical experiences vary and cannot be guaranteed.	Unable to determine. The Oklahoma Board of Nursing must evaluate the curriculum provided in the out-of-state advanced practice program to ensure that it meets the state’s curricular requirements. If you completed an advanced practice program in another state, you may be requested to submit further information to verify that the program meets the requirements of the Oklahoma Board of Nursing. As BC is out of state, the transcript would need to be reviewed. As of 4/30/24, Does not recognize AANPCB PMHNP certification.	Oklahoma Board of Nursing
Oregon	Meets. Effective Jan 2022, applicants must have documentation of the Pain Management Education through the Oregon Pain Commission plus six hours of continued education units, in accordance with ORS 413.590. Applicants must also have at least two hours of cultural competency education in the two years preceding the receipt of a completed application (as of July 2021).	Meets	Oregon State Board of Nursing
Pennsylvania	Meets. Applicants must also complete mandatory approved training on child abuse recognition and reporting for initial licensure.	Meets CRNP applicants must also complete mandatory approved training on child abuse recognition and recording	Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing
Rhode Island	Meets Compact state as of 1/1/2024	Meets	Rhode Island Department of Health

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South Carolina	Meets, Compact state	Meets	South Carolina Board of Nursing
South Dakota	Meets, Compact state	Meets	South Dakota Board of Nursing (needs to be updated)
Tennessee	Meets, Compact state	Meets	Tennessee Board of Nursing
Texas	Meets, Compact state	Meets	Texas Board of Nursing
U.S. Virgin Islands	Unable to determine	Unable to determine	U.S. Virgin Islands Board of Nurse Licensure
Utah	Meets Compact state	Meets	Utah Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing: Nursing
Vermont	Compact state however, status is undetermined, as a verification of the education form and official transcript needs to be submitted.	Meets As of 4/30/24, Does not recognize AANPCB PMHNP certification.	Vermont Office of Professional Regulation: Nursing
Virginia	Meets, Compact state Final official transcript must include evidence of actual (direct client care) clinical hours broken down for each course).	Meets	Virginia Board of Nursing
Washington	Compact state however status is undetermined. The Washington Board of Nursing reviews official transcripts for schools outside of WA before granting eligibility to test in Pearson Vue. If equivalency can't be determined, an education verification form needs to be completed by nursing education program. Therefore, Bellin College cannot determine whether completion of the CCNE accredited Bachelor of Science in Nursing	Meets	Washington Nursing Commission

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	program meets the educational requirements to apply for RN licensure in WA.		
West Virginia	Meets, Compact state	Meets	West Virginia RN Board
Wisconsin	Meets, Compact state	Meets	Wisconsin Board of Nursing
Wyoming	Meets, Compact state	Meets	Wyoming State Board of Nursing