



State/Territory Boards of Nursing Program Approvals

United States University (USU) is accredited by WASC, Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC). Appropriate state board of nursing approval or authorization documentation is on file with the Office of Accreditation, Regulatory Compliance and Institutional Effectiveness and updated as required. USU submits applications and annual reports as required. Where state higher education board approvals are required prior to seeking state board of nursing program approval, that authorization is secured. Where specific clinical approval is required, USU files the required documentation or approval request.

The following information is applicable to USU's licensure and post-licensure nursing programs:

- [Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing](#) (RN-BSN)
- [Master of Science in Nursing](#) (MSN)
 - Master of Science in Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner (MSN-FNP)
 - Master of Science in Nursing - Health Care Leadership (MSN-HCL)
 - Master of Science in Nursing - Nurse Educator (MSN-NE)
- [Post-Master's Certificate in Family Nurse Practitioner](#) (PM-Cert FNP) *
- [Post-Master's Certificate in Health Care Leadership](#) (PM-Cert HCL) *
- [Post-Master's Certificate in Nurse Educator](#) (Grad Certificate NE) *
 - **The three listed above are collectively referred to as "PM-Certs" ***

USU enrolls students in the above programs except where noted below

* The Post-Master's certificates are not currently CCNE-accredited but will be reviewed during the College of Nursing and Health Science's next MSN accreditation cycle. However, the PM-FNP students who complete their PM-FNP certificate program prior to the accreditation visit will be eligible to apply to sit for the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Board (AANPCB) and/or the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) national board certification exam. That said, United States University cannot guarantee that completion of the PM-FNP Certificate and a passing score on the national board exam will lead to licensure in all states. Students are encouraged to research their state's requirement for licensure prior to enrolling in the PM-FNP.

State Board of Nursing	Original Approval Date	Confirmation or Approval Type	Notes
<i>Alabama</i>			USU does not enroll students from Alabama in nursing programs at this time. Formal approval process is required and not yet final.
<i>Alaska</i>	08/29/2018	Official communication on file	USU enrolls in all nursing programs. No formal approval process was required for post-licensure, non-APRN programs, or APRN programs; email communication from Alaska Board of Nursing on file.
<i>Arizona</i>	06/15/2020	Approval letter on file	USU enrolls in all nursing programs, except PM-FNP. AZBN provided formal approval for the MSN-FNP program from the Arizona State Board of Nursing; letter on file and listed on website; https://www.azbn.gov/sites/default/files/2019-08/APRN%20Distance%20Learning%208-22-19.pdf .
<i>Arkansas</i>	01/01/2019	Website	USU does not enroll students from Arkansas in nursing programs at this time. No formal process is required. Arkansas State Board of Nursing only approves programs preparing RN and practical nurse candidates for licensure. https://www.arsbn.org/education .
<i>California</i>	04/11/2019	Approval letter on file	USU enrolls in all nursing programs. CA Board of Registered Nursing provided formal approval for the MSN-FNP program, letter on file; CABRN does not approve non-prelicensure or non-APRN programs: https://www.rn.ca.gov/
<i>Colorado</i>	07/21/2017	Website	USU enrolls in all nursing programs. Colorado State Board of Nursing does not have a formal approval process for post-licensure, non-APRN programs, or APRN programs. https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dora/Nursing
<i>Connecticut</i>	07/25/2017	Website	USU enrolls in all nursing programs. No formal approval process is required. https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Departments-and-Agencies/DPH/dph/Agency_Regulations/Sections/pdfs/Title20ProfessionalLicensing/2026NursingEducationProgramsandLicensureRequirementspdf.pdf?la=en

<i>Delaware</i>	05/07/2018	Website	USU enrolls in all nursing programs. No formal approval process is required. However, the Delaware Board of Nursing does require out-of-state educational programs who offer any clinical or preceptor components to complete and submit specific items regarding the clinical course to the board (this includes the PM-CERTS). https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/nursing/
<i>District of Columbia</i>			USU does not enroll students from the District of Columbia in nursing programs at this time. Formal approval process is required and not yet final.
<i>Florida</i>	11/24/2017	Website	USU enrolls in all nursing programs, except PM-CERTS pending BOE. No formal approval process is required for out-of-state distance learning and post-licensure degree programs. According to the Florida Board of Nursing website, out-of-state distance learning & post-licensure programs are not required to secure authorization from the FBN. https://floridasnursing.gov/education-and-training-programs/
<i>Georgia</i>	04/12/2019	Website	USU enrolls in all nursing programs, except PM-CERTS. No formal approval process is required. According to the Georgia Board of Nursing website, the board only approves nursing education programs which prepare nurses for initial entry into nursing practice. https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/45/board_services_-_nursing_education_program_approval
<i>Hawaii</i>	08/14/2017	Website/ Official communication on file	USU enrolls in all nursing programs. No formal approval process was required. The Hawaii Board of Nursing only “approves” nursing programs that have a campus/facility within the state. The Hawaii Board of Nursing does not “approve” out-of-state nursing programs or distance learning programs. http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/nursing/hawaii-nursing-programs/
<i>Idaho</i>	08/10/2017	Official communication on file	USU enrolls in all nursing programs, except PM-CERTS. No formal approval process was required; official documentation on file. The Idaho Board of Nursing chooses not to approve programs leading to Initial Licensure: LPN/RN/APRN with a home base outside of Idaho as long as they maintain National Certification and approval from their local Board of Nursing or State Regulatory Agency. The Idaho Board of Nursing does not exercise its authority to approve post-licensure RN to BSN, Non-APRN MSN/DNP or PhD located outside Idaho that do not lead to new licensure.

<i>Illinois</i>	11/25/2017	Website	USU enrolls in all nursing programs. No formal approval process was required, as the Illinois Nursing Workforce Center does not regulate or approve post-licensure or APRN programs. http://nursing.illinois.gov/PostLeducation.asp
<i>Indiana</i>	11/25/2017	Website	USU enrolls in all nursing programs, except PM-CERTS. No formal approval process was required, per the Indiana Board of Nursing website, the board does not review or accredit RN-BSN programs or any graduate level nursing programs. https://www.in.gov/pla/2490.htm
<i>Iowa</i>	10/11/2019	Website	USU enrolls in all nursing programs, except PM-CERTS. No formal approval process was required, per the Iowa Board of Nursing website, the board does not approve out-of-state nursing education programs. https://nursing.iowa.gov/nursing-education-programs-0 However, USU follows the Criteria for Out of State Nursing Programs set forth by the IBON. https://nursing.iowa.gov/nursing-education/criteria-out-state-nursing-programs
<i>Kansas</i>	11/25/2017	Website	USU enrolls in all nursing programs. No formal approval process was required for post-licensure, non-APRN programs, or APRN programs. https://ksbn.kansas.gov/npa/
<i>Kentucky</i>	04/9/2018	Approval letter on file -with the exception of the MSN-FNP program	USU enrolls in all nursing programs EXCEPT the MSN-FNP and PM-CERTS. No formal approval process was required. The Kentucky Board of Nursing does not approve out-of-state nursing education programs. The KBN only approves and regulates prelicensure nursing education programs that originate within Kentucky. However, USU first needs to finalize its approval to operate the MSN-FNP program in Kentucky with the Kentucky Board of Education prior to student enrollment, which is not yet final. https://kbn.ky.gov/pon/Pages/school.aspx
<i>Louisiana</i>	05/21/2019 6/24/2020	Official communication on file	USU enrolls in all nursing programs, except PM-CERTS. Formal approval process is required for pre-licensure and APRN programs only per Louisiana Board of Nursing. Official communication on file for the RN-BSN and MSN programs.
<i>Maine</i>	06/25/2018	Website	USU enrolls in all nursing programs, except PM-CERTS. No formal approval process was required. The Maine State Board of Nursing does not approve or regulate any distance education degree program. https://www.maine.gov/boardofnursing/laws-rules/index.html
<i>Maryland</i>			USU does not enroll students from Maryland in nursing programs at this time. Formal approval process is required and not yet final.

<i>Massachusetts</i>	11/8/2017	Website	USU enrolls in all nursing programs, except PM-CERTS. No formal approval process was required. The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing only approves and regulates those nursing education programs that prepare graduates for initial nurse licensure. https://www.mass.gov/service-details/about-board-approved-prelicensure-nursing-programs
<i>Michigan</i>			USU does not enroll students from Michigan in nursing programs at this time. Formal approval process is required and not yet final.
<i>Minnesota</i>			USU does not enroll students from Minnesota in nursing programs at this time. Formal approval process is required and not yet final.
<i>Mississippi</i>	04/24/2018	Website	USU enrolls in all nursing programs, except PM-CERTS. No formal approval process was required. The Mississippi Board of Nursing does not regulate or approve nursing programs. https://www.msbn.ms.gov/legal/laws-and-rules
<i>Missouri</i>	11/24/2017	Website	USU enrolls in all nursing programs. No formal approval process was required. According to the Missouri Board of Nursing website, the board only approves Missouri programs leading to first time licensure as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) or a Registered Nurse (RN). https://pr.mo.gov/nursing-faq-education.asp
<i>Montana</i>	11/25/2017	Website	USU enrolls in all nursing programs, except PM-CERTS. No formal approval process was required. According to the Montana Board of Nursing website, the board requires programsthat lead to initial licensure to be approved by their board. RN to BSN or graduatelevel nursing programs do not need Montana Board of Nursing approval. http://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/nur#18
<i>Nebraska</i>	11/29/2017	Website	USU enrolls in all nursing programs. No formal approval process was required.According to the Nebraska Board of Nursing website, the board only approvesprograms leading to initial licensure as an LPN or RN. http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/pages/crINursingAppdNsgProgStudentLoanAct.aspx
<i>Nevada</i>	2/28/2018	Official Communicationon file	USU enrolls in all nursing programs. No formal approval process was required; letter on file from Nevada Board of Nursing indicating that the Nevada Board of Nursing does not regulate or approve post licensure nursing programs.
<i>New Hampshire</i>			USU does not enroll students from New Hampshire in nursing programs at this time. Formal approval process is required and not yet final.

<i>New Jersey</i>	01/10/2018	Website	USU enrolls in all nursing programs. No formal approval process was required. According to the New Jersey Board of Nursing website, they accredit "a degree program meaning a program conducted by an educational institution with a program in nursing, which leads to a degree in nursing and makes a student eligible for licensure as a registered professional nurse." http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/regulations/Chapter-37-New-Jersey-Board-of-Nursing.pdf
<i>New Mexico</i>	11/13/2017	Official communication on file	USU enrolls in all nursing programs. No formal approval process was required; official communication on file stating that the NM Board of Nursing has jurisdiction of nursing practice and pre-licensure (RN and LPN) education programs, but does not have jurisdiction of post-licensure programs including APRN and RN to BSN programs.
<i>New York</i>	06/27/2018	Official communication on file	USU enrolls in all nursing programs EXCEPT the MSN-FNP and PM-CERTS. No formal approval process was required. Official communication on file for approval of the RN-BSN and non-FNPMSN programs. However, according to formal communication on file from the New York Office of the Professions, the state is currently in the process of revising the guidelines regarding out of state Permission to Operate requests for Nursing programs. The institution was advised to wait to submit any requests that the institution may have for Permission to Operate until the state's new policies are in place.
<i>North Carolina</i>	11/24/2017	Website	USU enrolls in all nursing programs, except PM-CERTS. No formal approval process was required. According to the North Carolina Board of Nursing website, the board does not approve/accredit nursing education programs which are outside of North Carolina jurisdiction, including out-of-state online programs/correspondence courses. https://www.ncbon.com/education-programs-outside-of-north-carolina
<i>North Dakota</i>	4/14/2020	Official communication on file	USU enrolls in all nursing programs. North Dakota Board of Nursing approves USU's clinical placements for the MSN-FNP and PM-CERTS programs by student, by semester, must submit prior to placement. Official communication on file.
<i>Ohio</i>	03/21/2018	Official communication on file	USU enrolls in all nursing programs, except PM-CERTS. No formal approval process was required; official communication on file indicating that the Ohio Board of Nursing does not regulate or approve post-licensure nursing education programs.
<i>Oklahoma</i>	11/4/2017	Official communication on file	USU enrolls in all nursing programs, except PM-CERTS. No formal approval process was required; official communication on file indicating that the Oklahoma Board of Nursing does not review or approve out of state post licensure nursing education.

<i>Oregon</i>	02/7/2019	Official communication on file	USU enrolls in all nursing programs, except PM-CERTS. Oregon State Board of Nursing approves USU's clinical placements for the MSN-FNP program by student, by semester. Official communications on file.
<i>Pennsylvania</i>	10/17/2017	Website	USU enrolls in all nursing programs. No formal approval process was required. The Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing regulates pre-licensure and certified registered nurse practitioner programs located in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Nursing/Pages/Board-Laws-and-Regulations.aspx
<i>Rhode Island</i>			USU does not enroll students from Rhode Island in nursing programs at this time. No formal approval process was required; communication on file from the Rhode Island Board of Nursing indicating approval is not required. However, USU first needs to finalize its approval to operate in Rhode Island with the Rhode Island Board of Education prior to student enrollment, which is not yet final.
<i>South Carolina</i>	10/14/2017	Website	USU enrolls in all nursing programs, except PM-CERTS. No formal approval process was required; the South Carolina Board of Nursing only approves programs that prepare students for initial licensure. https://llr.sc.gov/nurse/
<i>South Dakota</i>	10/14/2017	Website	USU enrolls in all nursing programs, except PM-CERTS. No formal approval process was required; the South Dakota Board of Nursing only regulates those programs that are located within the state of South Dakota. http://doh.sd.gov/boards/nursing/PDF/FAQeducation.pdf
<i>Tennessee</i>	08/28/2018	Approval letter on file	USU enrolls in all nursing programs EXCEPT the MSN-Nurse Educator and PM-CERTS. Formal approval process was required; received Tennessee Board of Nursing approval for the RN to BSN, MSN-FNP and the MSN-HCL programs; official approval letter on file.
<i>Texas</i>	11/14/2017	Website	USU enrolls in all nursing programs, except PM-CERTS. No formal approval process was required; The Texas Board of Nursing only requires approval of pre-licensure programs that require clinicals. The Texas Board of Nursing does not review and grant an accreditation-type approval of advanced practice registered nurse education programs in the state of Texas in the same manner in which it reviews and approves pre-licensure registered and vocational nursing education programs. http://www.bne.state.tx.us/education_programs.asp

<i>Utah</i>	07/26/2019	Approval letter on file	USU enrolls in all nursing programs, except PM-CERTS. Formal approval process was required; received formal approval for the MSN-FNP, MSN-Health Care Leadership, MSN-NE and RN to BSN programs; official approval letter from the State of Utah Department of Commerce, Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing on file.
<i>Vermont</i>	01/11/2018	Official communication on file	USU enrolls in all nursing programs, except PM-CERTS. No formal approval process was required; communication on file from the Vermont Board of Nursing stating that out-of-state distance programs (pre-licensure and post-licensure) are not under the jurisdiction of the Vermont Board of Nursing when offering their program(s) to Vermont residents. Therefore, prior approval of the institutions nursing program (pre-licensure and/or post-licensure) is not required.
<i>Virginia</i>	12/12/2017	Website	USU enrolls in all nursing programs. No formal approval process was required; the Virginia Board of Nursing regulates in-state educational programs for Nurses (RN and LPN). https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/Nursing/PublicResources/EducationPrograms/
<i>Washington</i>	03/22/2019	Approval letter on file	USU only enrolls in the MSN-FNP program, does not accept other nursing programs or PM-CERTS. Formal approval process was required; official approval letter on file from the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission for clinical practices in the MSN-FNP program.
<i>West Virginia</i>	11/25/2017	Website	USU enrolls in all nursing programs, except PM-CERTS. No formal approval process was required; West Virginia Board of Nursing only approves out of state pre-licensure nursing programs using West Virginia Health Care Facilities for student clinical rotations. https://wvrbboard.wv.gov/education/Pages/default.aspx
<i>Wisconsin</i>			USU does not enroll students from Wisconsin in nursing programs at this time. No formal approval process was required. The Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services only requires out-of-state schools preparing students for practical nurse licensure or registered nurse licensure to be approved by the Wisconsin Board of Nursing. https://dsps.wi.gov/Documents/fm3067OEE.pdf . However, USU first needs to finalize its approval to operate in Wisconsin with the Wisconsin Board of Education prior to student enrollment, which is not yet final.
<i>Wyoming</i>	07/02/2018	Website	USU enrolls in all nursing programs. No formal approval process is required. Though the Wyoming State Board of Nursing does not provide approval of online post-licensure nursing education programs, they do require educational programs who offer any clinical or preceptor components to complete and submit specific items regarding the clinical course to the board. https://wsbn.wyo.gov/education

Countries and Territories

United States University (USU) may not be able to accept online students from certain international countries. In addition, while degrees conferred by USU are recognized in the United States, they may not be recognized in other countries. International students are encouraged to research the policies pertaining to degree and licensure recognition in their home country prior to enrolling in USU's education programs.

<i>American Samoa</i>			Not currently authorized by Board of Education. USU does not enroll students from American Samoa at this time. No formal approval process is required for post-licensure, non-APRN programs, or APRN programs. https://www.americansamoa.gov/department-of-public-health , https://www.ncsbn.org/671.htm
Federated States of Micronesia			Not currently authorized by Board of Education. USU does not enroll students from Federated States of Micronesia at this time.
<i>Guam</i>			USU enrolls in all nursing programs. No formal approval process was required as Guam has no requirements specific to nursing education programs. http://dphss.guam.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/RMW-GBNE-Admin.-Rules-Regs.COMPLETE-07-17-2019.pdf
Jamaica			Not currently authorized by Board of Education. USU does not enroll students from Jamaica at this time.
<i>Marshall Islands</i>			Not currently authorized by Board of Education. USU does not enroll students from Marshall Islands at this time. No formal approval process was required as the Marshall Islands currently has no requirements specific to nursing education programs. https://www.ncsbn.org/pl14-62.pdf
Northern Mariana Islands			Not currently authorized by Board of Education. USU does not enroll students from NMI at this time.
Philippines			Not currently authorized by Board of Education. USU does not enroll students from Philippines at this time.
<i>Puerto Rico</i>			Not currently authorized by Board of Education. No formal approval process was required as Puerto Rico currently has no requirements specific to nursing education programs. http://www.salud.gov.pr/Pages/Home.aspx
<i>Virgin Islands</i>			Not currently authorized for Board of Nursing. No formal approval process was required as the Virgin Islands currently has no requirements specific to nursing education programs. http://www.thevibnl.org/
<i>India</i>			Not currently authorized by Board of Education. USU does not enroll nursing students from India at this time.