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This document is designed to complement your research on the educational and certification prerequisites for pursuing a career as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) on a state-by-state basis, encompassing the United States territories as well.

Educational Preparation: Students who complete the Practical Nursing program at Forsyth Technical Community College become eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Licensed Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN).

Licensure Compact and Multistate License Eligibility: Nurses can potentially obtain a multistate license if their primary state of residence (PSOR) is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) and they meet the uniform licensure requirements (ULR). The NLC is an essential agreement among states to facilitate the practice of allied health professionals across state lines. Rather than requiring professionals in these roles to apply for a new, state-specific license each time they move, a licensure compact provides one license that allows practice in multiple states.

Status of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC): As of now, the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) includes most states and U.S. territories, with additional locations awaiting pending legislation to become an NLC state. This means that Licensed Practical Nurses, vocational nurses, and practical nurses residing in an NLC member-state can readily practice across state lines.

Nurses & the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) Information: For individuals who have completed a board-approved nursing program and successfully passed the National Council Licensure Examination for Licensed Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN), the following chart is relevant. It's important to note that additional requirements may apply for each specific state, such as applications, documentation, licensing fees, liability insurance, and continuing education courses.

Note: The chart that follows is applicable to those who have completed the Practical Nursing program and have successfully passed the National Council Licensure Examination for Licensed Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN). Additional state- specific requirements may include applications, documentation, licensing fees, liability insurance, and ongoing continuing education courses.

[Forsyth Tech Website](#)

[Additional Resource - 1](#)

[Additional Resource - 2](#)

Disclaimer: It is crucial to acknowledge that laws and regulations in the field of Practical Nursing (Diploma) are subject to constant change. For the most current information and requirements, we strongly advise you to consult the specific state board or agency responsible for Practical Nursing (Diploma) licensure/certification.

State	Meets State Educational Requirements	Does Not Meet State Educational Requirements
Alabama	✓	
Alaska		X
American Samoa		X
Arizona	✓	
Arkansas	✓	
California		X
Colorado	✓	
Connecticut		X
Delaware	✓	
District of Columbia		X
Florida	✓	
Georgia	✓	
Guam		X
Hawaii		X
Idaho	✓	
Illinois		X
Indiana	✓	
Iowa	✓	
Kansas	✓	
Kentucky	✓	
Louisiana	✓	
Maine	✓	
Maryland	✓	

State	Meets State Educational Requirements	Does Not Meet State Educational Requirements
Massachusetts		X
Michigan		X
Minnesota		X
Mississippi	✓	
Missouri	✓	
Montana	✓	
Nebraska	✓	
Nevada		X
New Hampshire	✓	
New Jersey	✓	
New Mexico	✓	
New York		X
North Carolina	✓	
North Dakota	✓	
Northern Mariana Islands		X
Ohio	✓	
Oklahoma	✓	
Oregon		X
Pennsylvania		X
Puerto Rico		X
Rhode Island		X
South Carolina	✓	
South Dakota	✓	

State	Meets State Educational Requirements	Does Not Meet State Educational Requirements
Tennessee	✓	
Texas		X
US Virgin Islands		X
Utah	✓	
Vermont	✓	
Virginia	✓	
Washington	✓	
West Virginia	✓	
Wisconsin	✓	
Wyoming	✓	