

Kansas State Board of Nursing 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.
- ⇒ **Who is authorized to vaccinate in Kansas?** The Kansas law that allowed nurses with a license in good standing in another state or a nurse who has let their license lapse less than five years to administer COVID-19 vaccinations in Kansas without a Kansas nursing license or a multistate license has expired. However, the federal Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (PREP Act) has been amended to add additional categories of qualified persons authorized to prescribe, dispense and administer COVID-19 vaccines subject to those persons meeting certain conditions.
- ⇒ As a reminder, Kansas is a member state of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC), so nurses with a multistate license from another member state in the NLC can practice in Kansas.
- ⇒ Here is a link to the PREP act information: <https://www.kansasvaccine.gov/DocumentCenter/View/223/Kansas-Authorized-Vaccinators-PDF---4621?bidId=>

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

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