

Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

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To practice as a Nursing Assistant in Nevada, you must hold an active Nevada CNA certificate.

Certified Nursing Assistant by Exam Requirements

To make you eligible to take the examination(s) and to grant you permanent certification, the Board requires:

1. A completed application submitted via the Nevada Nurse Portal, including a fee of \$50 (MasterCard™, Visa™, Discover™, or American Express™ debit or credit card). **Fees are not refundable.**
2. A copy of your certificate of successful completion of a state-approved training program that meets current OBRA requirements, or a transcript showing the completion of “nursing fundamentals.” You must submit an application to Board for certification within one year from the date of completing an approved training program or you will be required to retrain.
3. You must successfully pass the Clinical and Knowledge examinations.
4. You must read and understand the following (all are available for viewing and download from the Board’s website) **PRIOR** to submitting your application:
CNA Skills Guidelines
CNA Hours of Employment for Renewal Advisory Opinion
5. Submission of fingerprints (see separate Instructions for Submission of Fingerprint Card form).

Note: A permanent CNA certificate will not be issued until the Board receives fingerprint reports from the Nevada Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and any issues have been resolved. Due to various factors, it may take up to four months for the Board to receive the official fingerprint results from the Department of Public Safety and FBI.

Broker/Third Party

If you wish to have a third party act upon your behalf for licensure/certification purposes, please sign the authorization form, have it notarized, and return it to the Board.

General Information

- Follow all instructions. All questions in all sections must be answered completely and the answers legibly written. Incomplete applications will not be processed.
- After reviewing your application, the Nevada State Board of Nursing (the Board) may notify you that you need to complete additional training or exam(s).
- Your application for certification is valid for one year from the date received by the Board. It is your responsibility to follow up with the Board to determine the ongoing status of your application.
- You must notify the Board, in writing, within 30 days of any change in your address of record.
- Nevada does not mail certification cards. You must check to see if your certificate has been issued and note its expiration date by visiting the license/certificate verification section of our website www.nevadanursingboard.org.

- You must submit an application to Board for certification within one year from the date of completing an approved training program or you will be required to retrain.
- Timeframe: As processing of your application is dependent on receiving documents from outside sources, we are unable to provide specific timeframes for processing.