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The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) has online nurse resources available

The Department has received many inquiries regarding 2022 license renewal continuing education requirements for RNs, APRNs, and FPA-APRNs.

- To clarify recent Illinois Continuing Education (CE) requirements for license renewal by May 31, 2022 for Illinois RNs, APRNs, and FPA-APRNs:
 - The implicit bias awareness training CE requirement (HB158, Public Act 102-004) for Illinois RNs, APRNs, and FPA-APRNs will begin as a license renewal requirement in **2024**. Illinois RNs, APRNs, and FPA-APRNs are *not required to complete implicit bias awareness training as one of 20 hours of CE required for license renewal in 2022*. While the law was passed, the Rules with detail are not yet final.
 - Sexual harassment prevention training CE requirement. A law passed in 2019 that went into effect on January 1, 2020 requires individuals with licenses issued by the Division of Professional Regulation (DPR) that require continuing education (CE) to renew their license to also complete one hour of CE on the topic of sexual harassment prevention training. This CE requirement is included in the number of hours already required under the individual Acts and Rules and does not increase the number of hours required to renew a license. One (1) hour of sexual harassment prevention training CE course is intended to fit into the nurse licensee's regular CE requirements. For example, one of the 20 hours of CE required for RN license renewal must be a sexual harassment prevention training course.
- Beginning with the **2024 RN renewal**, Illinois RNs who provide health care services to and have direct patient interaction with adults 26 years of age and older will be required to complete a one-hour course in diagnosis, treatment and care of Alzheimer's disease, along with other dementia types. CE Curriculum will involve how to identify and diagnose Alzheimer's, effective communication strategies and management and care planning. This course may count toward the regular CE requirements (Public Act 102-0399, 20 ILCS 2105/2105-365).
- To renew your RN, APRN, or FPA-APRN license, easy access to renewal can be found on the IDFPR Nurses webpage <https://www.idfpr.com/profs/nursing.asp> On the left side of the page is a calendar icon that says "License Renewals." This icon wiggles when the renewal site is open. The renewal portal is open will be available 24/7 beginning mid-March 2022 through May 31, 2022. RNs, APRNs, and FPA-APRNs must pay the renewal fee and renew their license by May 31, 2022. Licensees who renew after that date will be required to pay an additional late fee.
- The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) is providing renewal assistance for individuals and businesses that are having difficulty with the online renewal

process. These steps will help licensees better navigate the account matching process on the Department's updated online portal. For those requiring additional assistance, please email: fpr.lmu@illinois.gov

- Assistance for Individuals: <https://bit.ly/3mb8C7U>
- Assistance for Businesses: <https://bit.ly/3E5Fll8>
- To print your license or download an electronic copy to your phone, [just](#) head to the [IDFPR website](#).
- On the IDFPR Division of Professional Regulation [Nurses webpage](#), the “Requirements of an Internationally Educated Nurse” document has been updated. Resources on this document now include the names of Board of Nursing approved vendors for items required to apply for an Illinois nurse license. Information includes that endorsing an active license from another state requires: an application by Endorsement. A Credential Evaluation Service (CES) Report is not required if the state of original licensure required a report at the time of original licensure. An English equivalency test is not required as long as the nurse applying for endorsement took and passed the NCLEX® licensure examination.
- The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) Resources for Illinois Residents and Licensees Impacted by Coronavirus 2019 Disease (COVID-19) webpage <https://www.idfpr.com/COVID-19.asp> is still available. This IDFPR webpage has list of resources for Illinois licensees and consumers impacted by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). This page includes press releases, FAQ sheets, and Executive Orders that affect the professions IDFPR licenses and oversees.
- The list of health care professional temporary practice permits granted in Illinois may be found here: <https://www.idfpr.com/Forms/COVID19/Temp%20Practice%20Permits.pdf>
- IDFPR’s Division of Professional Regulation has issued a notice, “Notice that Advice or Treatment Regarding Covid-19 Must conform with Evidence-Based Medicine and Standards of Care,” to remind physicians and other healthcare professionals that any advice or treatment provided to a patient must conform with evidence-based medicine and standards of care and that failure to do so may subject the individual to disciplinary action. Licensed healthcare professionals have an ethical and professional duty to the public and are entrusted to protect the public health and the safety of patients. IDFPR is aware of licensed healthcare professionals providing misinformation regarding COVID-19 mitigations and treatment. <https://www.idfpr.com/Forms/COVID19/IDFPR%20statement-physicians.pdf>
- The Health Care Temporary Practice out of state temporary practice permit has been extended through May 31, 2022 or until the expiration of the Gubernatorial COVID-19 Disaster proclamations <https://idfpr.com/Renewals/Apply/Forms/F2398.pdf>.
- Variance: The Healthcare License Reinstatement Application is specific to the COVID-19 Pandemic and limited to prior State of Illinois licensees who were in good standing, including: Licensed Practical Nurse, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, and Registered Nurse. The license must have been on an “inactive” status for less than five years. The COVID-19 license will have an expiration date of May 31, 2022 or until the expiration of the Gubernatorial COVID-19 Disaster Proclamations. There is no fee to apply <https://idfpr.com/Renewals/Apply/Forms/F2396.pdf>

In 2021, IDFPR's Military Liaison tripled the number of military service members and spouses assisted compared to 2020. In total, IDFPR received more than 500 applications for licensure from military and military spouse applicants in 2021. The military liaison directly works with service members and their spouses, as well as members of military installations based in Illinois, to expedite and assist their professional licensure process. We wish to thank them for their service for our country! For a copy of the report, *2021 Expedited Licensure Review for Military Service Members and Spouses*, use this link

<https://idfpr.com/Forms/2021%20Annual%20Military%20Report.pdf>

The Nursing Education Scholarship Program: annual applications will be accepted from March 1 through April 30, 2022. The goal of the Nursing Education Scholarship Program is to increase the number of nurses available for employment in Illinois by offering scholarships to overcome financial barriers to education. This program has been in place since 1993, with funding from the Nurse Dedicated and Professional Fund, Illinois nurse license renewal fees, since 2016 the annual allocation has been \$2million. The program provides financial assistance to qualified individuals pursuing a certificate in practical nursing, an associate degree in nursing, a hospital-based diploma in nursing, a baccalaureate degree in nursing, or a graduate degree in nursing

<https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/life-stages-populations/rural-underserved-populations/nursing-education-scholarship-program>

The State of Illinois Coronavirus Response Site: The COVID-19 Vaccine Plan, up-to-date information on what Illinois is doing protecting the health, safety, and well-being of Illinoisans can be found at <https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/>

A complete copy of the Nurse Practice Act and the Rules may be found on the IDFPR website www.idfpr.com or on the Illinois Nursing Workforce Center's website <http://nursing.illinois.gov/nursepracticeact.asp>