

PATHWAYS TO PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

What you need to know



Licensure ensures professionals have the specific knowledge or skills needed to do a job.

Typically, you earn a professional license after you have:



GRADUATED WITH YOUR DEGREE



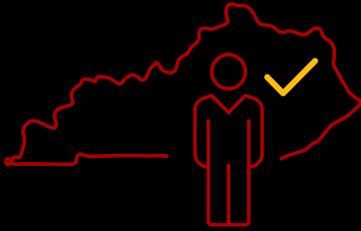
PASSED A LICENSURE EXAM



GAINED PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

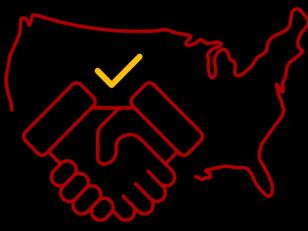
DID YOU KNOW there are various pathways to licensure?

Communicate with your program advisor about your future employment plans so they can help you navigate the path that fits your plans best, since availability of alternate paths may depend on the specific profession and state where you want to be employed.



DIRECT PATH

Pursue Kentucky license and work in Kentucky after graduating.



ALTERNATE PATH

Interstate licensure compact
Compacts allow states to agree to recognize each other's licenses (not available for all professions).



ALTERNATE PATH

Reciprocity or endorsement
After you earn a license and complete required experience in one state, other states may recognize your license through reciprocity or endorsement, although they may require you to complete additional state-specific requirements.

Interstate licensure compacts, reciprocity, and endorsement all serve as possible pathways to licensure.

Whether these options are available depends on the professional license and the state licensing board where you plan to practice.



ALWAYS REMEMBER:

Communicate with your program advisor for individual advice about professional licensure to best fit with your plans.



WE'RE HERE TO HELP

Your journey is unique—and we understand. This guide is a quick reference for prospective and current students to help understand the various pathways to licensure, but it may not fully address your specific plans. If you have questions about licensure pathways that may fit your future employment plans, please speak directly with your program advisor who can assist you.

For more information about professional licensure, visit these sites:

louisville.edu/oapa/licensure-information

louisville.edu/online/About-Us?tab=disclosures