



State/Territory Boards of Nursing Program Approvals

United States University (USU) is accredited by WASC, Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC). Appropriate state board of nursing approval or authorization documentation is on file with the Office of Accreditation, Regulatory Compliance and Institutional Effectiveness and updated as required. USU submits applications and annual reports as required. Where state higher education board approvals are required prior to seeking state board of nursing program approval, that authorization is secured. Where specific clinical approval is required, USU files the required documentation or approval request. The following information is applicable to USU's licensure and post-licensure nursing programs:

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-BSN Completion)
- Master of Science in Nursing – Family Nurse Practitioner
- Master of Science in Nursing – Healthcare Leadership
- Master of Science in Nursing – Nurse Educator
- Graduate Certificate in Health Care Leadership
- Graduate Certificate in Health Informatics
- Graduate Certificate in Nurse Educator

USU enrolls students in the above programs except where noted below.

State Board of Nursing	Date	Confirmation or Approval Type	Notes
<i>Alabama</i>			USU does not enroll students from Alabama at this time. Formal approval process is required and not yet final.
<i>Alaska</i>	08/29/2018	Official communication on file	USU enrolls in all programs. No formal approval process was required for post-licensure, non-APRN programs, or APRN programs; email communication from Alaska Board of Nursing on file.
<i>American Samoa</i>	11/24/2017	Website	USU enrolls in all programs. No formal approval process is required for post-licensure, non-APRN programs, or APRN programs. https://www.americansamoa.gov/department-of-public-health , https://www.ncsbn.org/671.htm
<i>Arizona</i>	12/11/2018	Approval letter on file	USU enrolls in all programs. AZBN provided formal approval for the MSN-FNP program from the Arizona State Board of Nursing; letter on file and listed on website; https://www.azbn.gov/sites/default/files/2019-08/APRN%20Distance%20Learning%208-22-19.pdf .
<i>Arkansas</i>	01/01/2019	Website	USU does not enroll students from Arkansas at this time. No formal process is required. Arkansas State Board of Nursing only approves programs preparing RN and practical nurse candidates for licensure. https://www.arsbn.org/education .
<i>California</i>	04/11/2019	Approval letter on file	USU enrolls in all programs. CA Board of Registered Nursing provided formal approval for the MSN-FNP program, letter on file; CABRN does not approve non-prelicensure or non-APRN programs: https://www.rn.ca.gov/
<i>Colorado</i>	07/21/2017	Website	USU enrolls in all programs. Colorado State Board of Nursing does not have a formal approval process for post-licensure, non-APRN programs, or APRN programs. https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dora/Nursing
<i>Connecticut</i>	07/25/2017	Website	USU enrolls in all programs. No formal approval process is required. https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Departments-and-Agencies/DPH/dph/Agency_Regulations/Sections/pdfs/Title20ProfessionalLicensing/2026NursingEducationProgramsandLicensureRequirementspdf.pdf?la=en
<i>Delaware</i>	05/07/2018	Website	USU enrolls in all programs. No formal approval process is required. However, the Delaware Board of Nursing does require out-of-state educational programs who offer

			any clinical or preceptor components to complete and submit specific items regarding the clinical course to the board. https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/nursing/
<i>District of Columbia</i>			USU does not enroll students from the District of Columbia at this time. Formal approval process is required and not yet final.
<i>Florida</i>	11/24/2017	Website	USU enrolls in all programs. No formal approval process is required for out-of-state distance learning and post-licensure degree programs. According to the Florida Board of Nursing website, out-of-state distance learning & post-licensure programs are not required to secure authorization from the FBN. https://floridasnursing.gov/education-and-training-programs/
<i>Georgia</i>	04/12/2019	Website	USU enrolls in all programs. No formal approval process is required. According to the Georgia Board of Nursing website, the board only approves nursing education programs which prepare nurses for initial entry into nursing practice. https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/45/board_services_-_nursing_education_program_approval
<i>Guam</i>	02/27/2019	Website	USU enrolls in all programs. No formal approval process was required as Guam has no requirements specific to nursing education programs. http://dphss.guam.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/RMW-GBNE-Admin.-Rules-Regs.COMPLETE-07-17-2019.pdf
<i>Hawaii</i>	08/14/2017	Website/ Official communication on file	USU enrolls in all programs. No formal approval process was required. The Hawaii Board of Nursing only “approves” nursing programs that have a campus/facility within the state. The Hawaii Board of Nursing does not “approve” out-of-state nursing programs or distance learning programs. http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/nursing/hawaii-nursing-programs/
<i>Idaho</i>	08/10/2017	Official communication on file	USU enrolls in all programs. No formal approval process was required; official documentation on file. The Idaho Board of Nursing chooses not to approve programs Leading to Initial Licensure: LPN/RN/APRN with a home base outside of Idaho as long as they maintain National Certification and approval from their local Board of Nursing or State Regulatory Agency. The Idaho Board of Nursing does not exercise its authority to approve post-licensure RN to BSN, Non-APRN MSN/DNP or PhD located outside Idaho that do not lead to new licensure.
<i>Illinois</i>	11/25/2017	Website	USU enrolls in all programs. No formal approval process was required, as the Illinois Nursing Workforce Center does not regulate or approve post-licensure or APRN programs. http://nursing.illinois.gov/PostLeducation.asp

<i>Indiana</i>	11/25/2017	Website	USU enrolls in all programs. No formal approval process was required, per the Indiana Board of Nursing website, the board does not review or accredit RN-BSN programs or any graduate level nursing programs. https://www.in.gov/pla/2490.htm
<i>Iowa</i>	10/11/2019	Website	USU enrolls in all programs. No formal approval process was required, per the Iowa Board of Nursing website, the board does not approve out-of-state nursing education programs. https://nursing.iowa.gov/nursing-education-programs-0 However, USU follows the Criteria for Out of State Nursing Programs set forth by the IBON. https://nursing.iowa.gov/nursing-education/criteria-out-state-nursing-programs
<i>Kansas</i>	11/25/2017	Website	USU enrolls in all programs. No formal approval process was required for post-licensure, non-APRN programs, or APRN programs. https://ksbn.kansas.gov/npa/
<i>Kentucky</i>	04/9/2018	Approval letter on file - with the exception of the MSN-FNP program	USU enrolls in all programs except the MSN-FNP. No formal approval process was required. The Kentucky Board of Nursing does not approve out-of-state nursing education programs. The KBN only approves and regulates prelicensure nursing education programs that originate within Kentucky. However, USU first needs to finalize its approval to operate the MSN-FNP program in Kentucky with the Kentucky Board of Education prior to student enrollment. https://kbn.ky.gov/pon/Pages/school.aspx
<i>Louisiana</i>	05/21/2019	Official communication on file	USU enrolls in all programs except the MSN-FNP. Formal approval process is required for pre-licensure and APRN programs only per Louisiana Board of Nursing. Official communication on file for the RN-BSN and non-FNP MSN programs.
<i>Maine</i>	06/25/2018	Website	USU enrolls in all programs. No formal approval process was required. The Maine State Board of Nursing does not approve or regulate any distance education degree program. https://www.maine.gov/boardofnursing/laws-rules/index.html
<i>Marshall Islands</i>	11/25/2017	Website	USU enrolls in all programs. No formal approval process was required as the Marshall Islands currently has no requirements specific to nursing education programs. https://www.ncsbn.org/pl14-62.pdf
<i>Maryland</i>			USU does not enroll students from Maryland at this time. Formal approval process is required and not yet final.
<i>Massachusetts</i>	11/8/2017	Website	USU enrolls in all programs. No formal approval process was required. The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing approves and regulates those nursing education programs that prepare graduates for initial nurse licensure. https://www.mass.gov/service-details/about-board-approved-prelicensure-nursing-programs

<i>Michigan</i>			USU does not enroll students from Maryland at this time. Formal approval process is required and not yet final.
<i>Minnesota</i>			USU does not enroll students from Maryland at this time. Formal approval process is required and not yet final.
<i>Mississippi</i>	04/24/2018	Website	USU enrolls in all programs. No formal approval process was required. The Mississippi Board of Nursing does not regulate or approve nursing programs. https://www.msbn.ms.gov/legal/laws-and-rules
<i>Missouri</i>	11/24/2017	Website	USU enrolls in all programs. No formal approval process was required. According to the Missouri Board of Nursing website, the board only approves Missouri programs leading to first time licensure as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) or a Registered Nurse (RN). https://pr.mo.gov/nursing-faq-education.asp
<i>Montana</i>	11/25/2017	Website	USU enrolls in all programs. No formal approval process was required. According to the Montana Board of Nursing website, the board requires programs that lead to initial licensure to be approved by their board. RN to BSN or graduate level nursing programs do not need Montana Board of Nursing approval. http://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/nur#18
<i>Nebraska</i>	11/29/2017	Website	USU enrolls in all programs. No formal approval process was required. According to the Nebraska Board of Nursing website, the board only approves programs leading to initial licensure as an LPN or RN. http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/pages/crlnursingAppdNsgProgStudentLoanAct.aspx
<i>Nevada</i>	2/28/2018	Official Communication on file	USU enrolls in all programs. No formal approval process was required; letter on file from Nevada Board of Nursing indicating that the Nevada Board of Nursing does not regulate or approve post licensure nursing programs.
<i>New Hampshire</i>	01/10/2018	Website	USU enrolls in all programs. No formal approval process was required. According to the New Hampshire Board of Nursing website, the board does not regulate post-licensure or APRN degree programs. https://www.oplc.nh.gov/nursing/education-programs.htm
<i>New Jersey</i>	01/10/2018	Website	USU enrolls in all programs. No formal approval process was required. According to the New Jersey Board of Nursing website, they accredit "a degree program meaning a program conducted by an educational institution with a program in nursing, which leads to a degree in nursing and makes a student eligible for licensure as a registered professional nurse." http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/regulations/Chapter-37-New-Jersey-Board-of-Nursing.pdf

<i>New Mexico</i>	11/13/2017	Official communication on file	USU enrolls in all programs. No formal approval process was required; official communication on file stating that the NM Board of Nursing has jurisdiction of nursing practice and pre-licensure (RN and LPN) education programs, but does not have jurisdiction of post-licensure programs including APRN and RN to BSN programs.
<i>New York</i>	06/27/2018	Official communication on file	USU enrolls in all programs except the MSN-FNP. No formal approval process was required. Official communication on file for approval of the RN-BSN and non-FNP MSN programs. However, according to formal communication on file from the New York Office of the Professions, the state is currently in the process of revising the guidelines regarding out of state Permission to Operate requests for Nursing programs. The institution was advised to wait to submit any requests that the institution may have for Permission to Operate until the state's new policies are in place.
<i>North Carolina</i>	11/24/2017	Website	USU enrolls in all programs. No formal approval process was required. According to the North Carolina Board of Nursing website, the board does not approve/accredit nursing education programs which are outside of North Carolina jurisdiction, including out-of-state online programs/correspondence courses. https://www.ncbon.com/education-programs-outside-of-north-carolina
<i>North Dakota</i>	4/14/2020	Official communication on file	USU enrolls in all programs. North Dakota Board of Nursing approves USU's clinical placements for the MSN-FNP program by student, by semester. Official communication on file.
<i>Ohio</i>	03/21/2018	Official communication on file	USU enrolls in all programs. No formal approval process was required; official communication on file indicating that the Ohio Board of Nursing does not regulate or approve post-licensure nursing education programs.
<i>Oklahoma</i>	11/4/2017	Official communication on file	USU enrolls in all programs. No formal approval process was required; official communication on file indicating that the Oklahoma Board of Nursing does not review or approve out of state post licensure nursing education.
<i>Oregon</i>	02/7/2019	Official communication on file	USU enrolls in all programs. Oregon State Board of Nursing approves USU's clinical placements for the MSN-FNP program by student, by semester. Official communications on file.
<i>Pennsylvania</i>	10/17/2017	Website	USU enrolls in all programs. No formal approval process was required. The Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing regulates pre-licensure and certified registered nurse practitioner programs located in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Nursing/Pages/Board-Laws-and-Regulations.aspx

<i>Puerto Rico</i>	11/25/2017	Website	USU enrolls in all programs. No formal approval process was required as Puerto Rico currently has no requirements specific to nursing education programs. http://www.salud.gov.pr/Pages/Home.aspx
<i>Rhode Island</i>	06/28/2018	Official communication on file	USU does not enroll students from Rhode Island at this time. No formal approval process was required; communication on file from the Rhode Island Board of Nursing indicating approval is not required.
<i>South Carolina</i>	10/14/2017	Website	USU enrolls in all programs. No formal approval process was required; the South Carolina Board of Nursing only approves programs that prepare students for initial licensure. https://llr.sc.gov/nurse/
<i>South Dakota</i>	10/14/2017	Website	USU enrolls in all programs. No formal approval process was required; the South Dakota Board of Nursing only regulates those programs that are located within the state of South Dakota. http://doh.sd.gov/boards/nursing/PDF/FAQeducation.pdf
<i>Tennessee</i>	08/28/2018	Approval letter on file	USU enrolls in all programs. Formal approval process was required; received Tennessee Board of Nursing approval for the RN to BSN, MSN-FNP and the MSN-HCL programs; official approval letter on file.
<i>Texas</i>	11/14/2017	Website	USU enrolls in all programs. No formal approval process was required; The Texas Board of Nursing only requires approval of pre-licensure programs that require clinicals. The Texas Board of Nursing does not review and grant an accreditation-type approval of advanced practice registered nurse education programs in the state of Texas in the same manner in which it reviews and approves pre-licensure registered and vocational nursing education programs. http://www.bne.state.tx.us/education_programs.asp
<i>Utah</i>	07/26/2019	Approval letter on file	USU enrolls in all programs. Formal approval process was required; received formal approval for the MSN-FNP, MSN-Health Care Leadership, MSN-NE and RN to BSN programs; official approval letter from the State of Utah Department of Commerce, Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing on file
<i>Vermont</i>	01/11/2018	Official communication on file	USU enrolls in all programs. No formal approval process was required; communication on file from the Vermont Board of Nursing stating that out-of-state distance programs (pre-licensure and post-licensure) are not under the jurisdiction of the Vermont Board of Nursing when offering their program(s) to Vermont residents. Therefore, prior approval of the institutions nursing program (pre-licensure and/or post-licensure) is not required.

<i>Virgin Islands</i>	11/25/2017	Website	USU enrolls in all programs. No formal approval process was required as the Virgin Islands currently has no requirements specific to nursing education programs. http://www.thevibnl.org/
<i>Virginia</i>	12/12/2017	Website	USU enrolls in all programs. No formal approval process was required; the Virginia Board of Nursing regulates in-state educational programs for Nurses (RN and LPN). https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/Nursing/PublicResources/EducationPrograms/
<i>Washington</i>	03/22/2019	Approval letter on file	USU only enrolls in the MSN-FNP. Formal approval process was required; official approval letter on file from the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission for clinical practices in the MSN-FNP program.
<i>West Virginia</i>	11/25/2017	Website	USU enrolls in all programs. No formal approval process was required; West Virginia Board of Nursing only approves out of state pre-licensure nursing programs using West Virginia Health Care Facilities for student clinical rotations. https://wvrnboard.wv.gov/education/Pages/default.aspx
<i>Wisconsin</i>	11/25/2017	Website	USU enrolls in all programs. No formal approval process was required. The Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services only requires out-of-state schools preparing students for practical nurse licensure or registered nurse licensure to be approved by the Wisconsin Board of Nursing. https://dsps.wi.gov/Documents/fm3067OEE.pdf
<i>Wyoming</i>	07/02/2018	Website	USU enrolls in all programs. No formal approval process is required. Though the Wyoming State Board of Nursing does not provide approval of online post-licensure nursing education programs, they do require educational programs who offer any clinical or preceptor components to complete and submit specific items regarding the clinical course to the board. https://wsbn.wyo.gov/education