

**655—3.3 (17A,147,152,272C) Licensure qualifications for registered nurse and licensed practical nurse.**

**3.3(1)** Applicants shall meet the requirements set forth in Iowa Code sections 147.3 and 152.7. Requirements include:

*a.* Graduation from an approved nursing program preparing registered nurses as defined in Iowa Code section 152.5(1) for registered nurse applicants or graduation from an approved nursing program preparing practical nurses as defined in Iowa Code section 152.5(1) for licensed practical nurse applicants.

*b.* Passing NCLEX® or the State Board Test Pool Examination, the national examination used prior to 1982.

*c.* Board approval of an applicant with a criminal history or a record of prior disciplinary action, regardless of jurisdiction.

**3.3(2)** The requirement listed in paragraph 3.3(1)“*b*” is subject to the following exceptions:

*a.* A practical nurse applicant must have written the same examination as that administered in Iowa and achieved a score established as passing for that test by the board unless the applicant graduated and was licensed prior to July 1951.

*b.* An applicant whose national examination scores do not meet the Iowa requirements in effect at the time of the examination and who wishes to become licensed in Iowa may appeal to the board. The board may require the applicant to pass the current examination.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 147.2 and 152.7(3).

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