

Licensure via Re-Entry – General Information

Re-Entry Program Description

A re-entry program is an update of knowledge and skills in nursing, and includes all of the following components:

- 120 hours of instruction in current nursing practice including pharmacology-focused content.
- A minimum of 160 hours of supervised clinical practice. Clinical experience under a re-entry program shall be in a student role and unpaid.

Note: All programs approved by the Oregon Board of Nursing meet these minimum requirements.

Steps to Prepare for Re-Entry

1. Research the available nurse re-entry programs and determine if you will be able to meet the program entrance requirements. Approved programs are listed on the OSBN website: <https://www.oregon.gov/OSBN/pages/reentry-programs.aspx>
2. Submit the required OSBN license applications, which will include an application for either renewal, reactivation, license by examination, or endorsement.
3. Submit the application for the Limited License. The Limited License allows for the re-entry nurse to complete the required clinical experience. It does not entitle the holder to practice nursing in any other capacity nor can the re-entry nurse be employed as a nurse under the Limited License.
4. Complete all re-entry program requirements. The approved program will provide confirmation of program completion to the OSBN.

Individualized Re-Entry Plan Option

RNs who need to complete a re-entry program may be able to explore the development of an individualized re-entry plan. This option is only feasible for RNs who have had experience in developing curriculum, creating learning assessment methods, and evaluating learning outcomes. In most cases, the individualized plan option is reserved for RNs with graduate level degrees who have experience in teaching. An individualized plan option is not available for LPNs who need to complete re-entry.

For more information, contact the OSBN Policy Analyst for Nursing Education and Assessment through the general e-mail box: oregon.bn.info@state.or.us.