

## Professional Licensure / Certification Requirements

Bellin College participates in federal financial aid programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965. Therefore, Bellin College is required to comply with the Program Integrity Misrepresentation rules published in 2010 and State Authorization regulations (which vary from state to state) in application to online/distance education programs. The regulations require institutions of higher education to obtain approval from the states in which they provide postsecondary education programs. Bellin College participates in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA), which is an agreement among states that establishes national standards for the interstate offering of postsecondary distance education courses and programs. Through SARA, Bellin College may provide distance education to residents of any other SARA member state without seeking authorization from each SARA member state.

At this time, the Bellin College Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program and Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)/Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)/Post-Graduate Certificate (PGC) Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) programs are offered in hybrid formats, with some in-person and some online elements, and the MSN/DNP/PGC Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) programs are offered online. The information provided may be of benefit to graduates pursuing licensure or certification outside of Wisconsin post-graduation.

We urge students / graduates to review the regulations regarding authorization of your specific state if you are a U.S. citizen and *either* of the following apply to you:

- You do not live in Wisconsin
- You are thinking about enrolling in a Bellin College program with the intent of residing outside of WI post-graduation.

If you become a Bellin College student, you are responsible for checking program authorization and licensure requirements in your state of residence. Rules and regulations vary by state. If you move to a new state, you are responsible for ensuring our program is approved in your new state. **Note: State regulations are modified frequently. Applicants and graduates interested in out of state licensure / certification are encouraged to keep up to date on the requirements of their desired state.**

### National Licensure & Certification

Completion of Bellin College's CCNE (<https://www.aacnnursing.org/CCNE>) accredited Bachelor of Science in Nursing (<https://www.bellincollege.edu/academics/nursing/>) program meets the educational requirements to apply for the NCLEX exam for Registered Nurses (RNs).

Completion of Bellin College's CCNE (<https://www.aacnnursing.org/CCNE>) accredited Master of Science in Nursing (<https://www.bellincollege.edu/academics/graduate-nursing-programs/>) (FNP and PMHNP) program, Post Graduate Family Nurse Practitioner certificate (<https://www.bellincollege.edu/academics/graduate-nursing-programs/#pgcertificate>) (FNP and PMHNP) options, and Doctor of Nursing Practice (<https://www.bellincollege.edu/academics/graduate-nursing-programs/>) (FNP and PMHNP) programs meet the educational requirements to apply for ANCC (<https://www.nursingworld.org/our-certifications/>) and/or AANPCB (<https://www.aanpcert.org/certs/qualifications>) certification.

State	RN	APRN Practice	State Board of Nursing
<b>All states have varying scope of practice and variations for prescriptive authority and continuing education. Additionally, all require an active RN license for the state/and or compact state.</b>			
<b>Alabama</b>	Meets Simulation shall not comprise more than 50% of the clinical learning experience for any course or patient population. (Updated 10/15/25)	Meets Advanced Practice Nursing (APN) approval as a Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner (CRNP)	Alabama Board of Nursing, <a href="https://www.abn.alabama.gov/">https://www.abn.alabama.gov/</a>
<b>Alaska</b>	Meets	Meets the requirements to apply for an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) license.	Alaska Board of Nursing <a href="https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofNursing.aspx">https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofNursing.aspx</a>
<b>American Samoa</b>	Unable to determine	Unable to determine	American Samoa Board of Nursing <a href="https://www.cgfn.org/licensure/american-samoa/">https://www.cgfn.org/licensure/american-samoa/</a>
<b>Arizona</b>	Meets	Meets the requirements to apply for an Advanced Practice (AP) nurse approval as a Registered Nurse Practitioner (RNP) in Arizona. RNP applicants requesting prescribing and dispensing privileges, must also submit written evidence of 45 contact hours of education in pharmacology or clinical management of drug therapy within the three-year period immediately preceding their application.	Arizona State Board of Nursing <a href="https://www.azbn.gov/">https://www.azbn.gov/</a>
<b>Arkansas</b>	Meets	Meets Note: Eligibility for licensure as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) is considered after verification of active practice of nursing as a registered nurse for a minimum of two thousand (2,000) hours.	Arkansas Board of Nursing <a href="https://www.arsbn.org/licensing">https://www.arsbn.org/licensing</a>
<b>California</b>	Undetermined. The California Board of Registered Nursing reviews transcripts at the time an individual applies for a license to determine whether a program meets curricular requirements. Therefore, Bellin College cannot determine whether completion of the CCNE accredited Bachelor of Science in Nursing program meets the educational requirements to apply for RN licensure in California.	Undetermined. Nurse Practitioner (NP) license requires successful completion of a nurse practitioner education program approved by the Board. It is unclear if Bellin College would be approved by the Board in California (CA). CA has three methods; graduates of Bellin would apply for NP practice via the “Non-California Based Nurse Practitioner Program” method.	California Board of Registered Nursing <a href="https://www.rn.ca.gov/">https://www.rn.ca.gov/</a>

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<b>Colorado</b>	Meets	Meets Advanced Practice Registration as an Advanced Practice Nurse (APN) also requires proof of professional liability insurance. Prescriptive authority requires an additional application and license.	Colorado Board of Nursing <a href="https://dpo.colorado.gov/Nursing">https://dpo.colorado.gov/Nursing</a>
<b>Connecticut</b>	Meets for 3 year and transfer options and undetermined for the 15-month option, as the program is 7 sessions (8 weeks each) over 18 months for a total of 64 nursing credits. The minimum length of the nursing component of the program must be equivalent to four (4) fifteen (15) week academic semesters and contain a minimum of thirty-five (35) semester hours of credit in nursing. Fifty percent (50%) of contact hours shall be in supervised direct client care experiences, observational experiences and simulated experiences appropriate to the program's educational outcomes, and laboratory experiences for the acquisition and practice of clinical nursing skills.	Meets Must also have successfully completed thirty (30) hours of education in pharmacology for advanced nursing practice.	Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing <a href="https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Public-Health-Hearing-Office/Board-of-Examiners-for-Nursing/Board-of-Examiners-for-Nursing">https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Public-Health-Hearing-Office/Board-of-Examiners-for-Nursing/Board-of-Examiners-for-Nursing</a>
<b>Delaware</b>	Meets Compact state Meets the requirement of 400 hours of clinical experience for RN students. A Nursing School Reference form is required.	Meets Enacted APRN compact legislation.	Delaware Board of Nursing <a href="https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/nursing/">https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/nursing/</a>
<b>District of Columbia (D.C)</b>	Meets	Meets As of 4/30/24, Does not recognize AANPCB PMHNP certification.	District of Columbia Board of Nursing <a href="https://dchealth.dc.gov/node/149382">https://dchealth.dc.gov/node/149382</a>
<b>Federated States of Micronesia</b>	Unable to determine	Unable to determine	Federated States of Micronesia Policies and Regulations <a href="https://www.pbtrc.org/policies-and-regulations/federated-states-of-micronesia-policies-and-regulations/">https://www.pbtrc.org/policies-and-regulations/federated-states-of-micronesia-policies-and-regulations/</a>
<b>Florida</b>	Meets	Meets Must also provide proof of malpractice insurance or exemption.	Florida Board of Nursing <a href="https://floridasnursing.gov/">https://floridasnursing.gov/</a>

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<b>Georgia</b>	Meets	Meets	Georgia Board of Nursing <a href="https://sos.ga.gov/georgia-board-nursing">https://sos.ga.gov/georgia-board-nursing</a>
<b>Guam</b>	Unable to determine, Requires curriculum comparison as of 10/19/2025.	Meets	Guam Board of Nurse Examiners <a href="http://dphss.guam.gov/guam-board-of-nurse-examiners-2/">http://dphss.guam.gov/guam-board-of-nurse-examiners-2/</a>
<b>Hawaii</b>	Meets	Meets Prescriptive authority requires 30 contact hours of advanced pharmacology – may be met by course or continuing education.	Hawaii Board of Nursing <a href="http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/nursing/">http://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/boards/nursing/</a>
<b>Idaho</b>	Meets	Meets	Idaho Board of Nursing <a href="https://ibn.boardsofnursing.org/ibn">https://ibn.boardsofnursing.org/ibn</a>
<b>Illinois</b>	Meets	Meets	Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation <a href="https://www.idfpr.com/profs/Nursing.asp">https://www.idfpr.com/profs/Nursing.asp</a>
<b>Indiana</b>	Meets	Meets	Indiana State Board of Nursing <a href="https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/nursing-home/nursing-licensing-information/">https://www.in.gov/pla/professions/nursing-home/nursing-licensing-information/</a>
<b>Iowa</b>	Meets	Meets	Iowa Board of Nursing <a href="https://nursing.iowa.gov/">https://nursing.iowa.gov/</a>
<b>Kansas</b>	Meets Simulation-based learning cannot exceed 50% of the total clinical hours in any single course as of 10/19/2025.	Meets As of 9/18/2025 APRNs need 750 hours of supervised clinical experiences. Preceptor requirements implemented. MSN and DNP graduates will meet this requirement if program completion in 2026 or later.	Kansas Board of Nursing <a href="https://ksbn.kansas.gov/">https://ksbn.kansas.gov/</a>
<b>Kentucky</b>	Meets, Compact state	Meets	Kentucky Board of Nursing <a href="https://kbn.ky.gov/Registered-Nurse/Pages/rn-examination.aspx">https://kbn.ky.gov/Registered-Nurse/Pages/rn-examination.aspx</a>
<b>Louisiana</b>	Unable to determine. Applicant must complete a nursing program that meets or exceeds the educational standards for programs in Louisiana; however, the specifics are not specified. Therefore, Bellin College cannot determine if completion of the CCNE accredited Bellin College BSN program meets these standards.	Unable to determine The Louisiana State Board of Nursing reviews transcripts at the time of application for certain course work required by the board. The specifics of the required course work are not specified, therefore Bellin College cannot determine if completion of the CCNE accredited Master of Science in Nursing Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) or PMHNP programs and Post Graduate FNP and PMHNP certificate options meet the educational requirements to apply for an APRN license in Louisiana.	Louisiana State Board of Nursing <a href="http://www.lsbns.state.la.us/">http://www.lsbns.state.la.us/</a>

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<b>Maine</b>	Meets	Meets	Maine Board of Nursing <a href="https://www.maine.gov/boardofnursing/">https://www.maine.gov/boardofnursing/</a>
<b>Maryland</b>	Meets  A degree from a registered nursing education program in any other state that the Board finds substantially equivalent to the programs in the State of Maryland is required. An out-of-state nursing education pre licensure program's substantial equivalency assessment tool form must be completed. Bellin College is on the list of schools that have met the requirements to be substantially equivalent under NPA § 8-302(b) (2) COMAR 10.27.03	Undetermined. Bellin College is not on the list of “Approved Advanced Nurse Practice Programs (2/7/2024). Applicants for licensure can submit an approval request form at time of the application. Bellin College does meet the criteria for accreditation.	Maryland Board of Nursing <a href="https://mbon.maryland.gov/Pages/default.aspx">https://mbon.maryland.gov/Pages/default.aspx</a>
<b>Massachusetts</b>	Unable to determine. The curriculum needs to include theoretical and clinical components for nursing across the lifespan (this includes: Medical/Surgical, Pediatrics, Obstetrical, and Mental Health); Student may or may not have clinicals in all three specialty areas: pediatrics, OB, mental health.	Meets Additionally will need “Participation in or application for participation in MassHealth as a provider of services or as a non-billing provider” and meet the “ <u>Good Moral Character requirements</u> ” as defined by Massachusetts state law.	Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing <a href="https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-registration-in-nursing">https://www.mass.gov/orgs/board-of-registration-in-nursing</a>
<b>Michigan</b>	Meets Applicants must also complete mandatory approved training on identification of human trafficking victims (effective January 2022) and complete 2 hours of implicit bias training within 5 years immediately preceding issuance of the license (effective June 2022) Skills laboratory and supervised medication administration requirement added to specific coursework as of 10/19/2025.	Meets Applicants must also complete mandatory approved training on identification of human trafficking victims (effective January 2022).	Michigan Board of Nursing <a href="https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334_72600_72603_27529_27542---,00.html">https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334_72600_72603_27529_27542---,00.html</a>
<b>Minnesota</b>	Meets	Meets	Minnesota Board of Nursing <a href="https://mn.gov/boards/nursing/">https://mn.gov/boards/nursing/</a>

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<b>Mississippi</b>	Undetermined The nursing program (RN) must substantially meet the same educational criteria as Mississippi nursing programs; however, the specifics are not identified. Therefore, Bellin College cannot determine if completion of the CCNE accredited Bellin College BSN program meets these standards	Meets	Mississippi Board of Nursing <a href="https://www.msbn.ms.gov/">https://www.msbn.ms.gov/</a>
<b>Missouri</b>	Meets	Meets As of 4/30/24, Does not recognize AANPCB PMHNP certification. As of 3/19/26 still does not recognize AANPCB exam for PMHNP.	Missouri Board of Nursing <a href="https://www.pr.mo.gov/nursing.asp">https://www.pr.mo.gov/nursing.asp</a>
<b>Montana</b>	Meets	Meets	Montana Board of Nursing <a href="http://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/nur">http://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/nur</a>
<b>Nebraska</b>	Meets	Meets	Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services <a href="https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Nurse-License-Applications.aspx">https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Nurse-License-Applications.aspx</a>
<b>Nevada</b>	Meets	Meets	Nevada State Board of Nursing <a href="https://nevadanursingboard.org/">https://nevadanursingboard.org/</a>
<b>New Hampshire</b>	Meets	Meets	New Hampshire Board of Nursing <a href="https://www.oplc.nh.gov/apply-renew">https://www.oplc.nh.gov/apply-renew</a>
<b>New Jersey</b>	Meets	Meets	New Jersey Board of Nursing <a href="https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/nur/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/nur/Pages/default.aspx</a>
<b>New Mexico</b>	Meets	Meets	New Mexico Board of Nursing <a href="https://nmbon.sks.com/">https://nmbon.sks.com/</a>

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<b>New York</b>	<p>Unable to determine.</p> <p>Applicants must also complete the New York State required infection control coursework and child abuse reporting coursework (if not qualified for an exemption).</p> <p>Graduates of out-of-state RN programs are eligible for licensure only after NYSED evaluates the program for comparability to New York standards, and completion of an out-of-state program does not automatically guarantee licensure in New York as of 10/19/2025.</p>	<p>Meets</p> <p>Additional <u>Mandatory Prescriber Education</u> instruction specific to New York State and Federal laws related to prescriptions and record keeping is required.</p> <p>As of 4/30/24, does not recognize AANPCB PMHNP certification. Confirmed still true as of 3/19/2026.</p>	<p>New York Office of Professional Nursing</p> <p><a href="http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/nurse/">http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/nurse/</a></p>
<b>North Carolina</b>	Meets	Meets	North Carolina Board of Nursing <a href="https://www.ncbon.com/">https://www.ncbon.com/</a>
<b>North Dakota</b>	Meets	Meets Enacted APRN compact legislation.	North Dakota Board of Nursing <a href="https://www.ndbon.org/">https://www.ndbon.org/</a>
<b>Northern Mariana Islands</b>	Meets	Meets	NMI Board of Nursing <a href="https://nmibon.info/">https://nmibon.info/</a>
<b>Ohio</b>	Meets	Unable to determine May require a formal curriculum comparison for Nurse Practitioner licensure determinations. Also, minimum 45 hours advanced pharmacology as of January 29, 2026 (mets).	Ohio Board of Nursing <a href="https://nursing.ohio.gov/">https://nursing.ohio.gov/</a>
<b>Oklahoma</b>	<p>Unable to determine.</p> <p>Bellin college meets requirements of having theory in the care of the adult and child, maternal-newborn nursing, and psychiatric-mental health nursing but having a clinical experience in all of these areas is unable to be guaranteed. Bellin College offers adult health clinicals, a specialty clinical, and a simulation course, but clinical experiences vary and cannot be guaranteed.</p>	<p>Unable to determine.</p> <p>The Oklahoma Board of Nursing must evaluate the curriculum provided in the out-of-state advanced practice program to ensure that it meets the state's curricular requirements. If you completed an advanced practice program in another state, you may be requested to submit further information to verify that the program meets the requirements of the Oklahoma Board of Nursing. As BC is out of state, the transcript would need to be reviewed.</p> <p>As of 4/30/24, Does not recognize AANPCB PMHNP certification. Confirmed still true as of 3/19/2026.</p>	Oklahoma Board of Nursing <a href="http://nursing.ok.gov/">http://nursing.ok.gov/</a>

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<b>Oregon</b>	Unable to determine. Effective Jan 2022, applicants must have documentation of the Pain Management Education through the Oregon Pain Commission plus six hours of continued education units, in accordance with ORS 413.590. Applicants must also have at least two hours of cultural competency education in the two years preceding the receipt of a completed application (as of July 2021). Curriculum Comparison is required as of 10/19/2025.	Meets	Oregon State Board of Nursing <a href="https://www.oregon.gov/osbn/Pages/index.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/osbn/Pages/index.aspx</a>
<b>Pennsylvania</b>	Meets. Applicants must also complete mandatory approved training on child abuse recognition and reporting for initial licensure.	Unable to determine. Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner (CRNP) applicants must also complete mandatory approved training on child abuse recognition and recording. Pennsylvania clarified that a formal curriculum comparison is required when determining whether an NP program meets state licensure requirements (1/30/2026).	Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing <a href="https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Nursing/Pages/default.aspx#.VTEYxCFVhBd">https://www.dos.pa.gov/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardsCommissions/Nursing/Pages/default.aspx#.VTEYxCFVhBd</a>
<b>Puerto Rico</b>	Unable to determine	Unable to determine	Puerto Rico Department of Health <a href="https://www.salud.pr.gov/CMS/126">https://www.salud.pr.gov/CMS/126</a>
<b>Republic of the Marshall Islands</b>	Unable to determine	Unable to determine	Republic of the Marshall Islands Policies and Regulations <a href="https://www.pbtrc.org/policies-and-regulations/republic-of-the-marshall-islands-policies-and-regulations/">https://www.pbtrc.org/policies-and-regulations/republic-of-the-marshall-islands-policies-and-regulations/</a>
<b>Republic of Palau</b>	Unable to determine	Unable to determine	Republic of Palau Policies and Regulations <a href="https://www.pbtrc.org/policies-and-regulations/republic-of-palau-policies-and-regulations/">https://www.pbtrc.org/policies-and-regulations/republic-of-palau-policies-and-regulations/</a>
<b>Rhode Island</b>	Meets	Meets	Rhode Island Department of Health <a href="https://health.ri.gov/licenses/">https://health.ri.gov/licenses/</a>
<b>South Carolina</b>	Meets	Meets	South Carolina Board of Nursing <a href="https://lbr.sc.gov/nurse/">https://lbr.sc.gov/nurse/</a>
<b>South Dakota</b>	Meets	Meets	South Dakota Board of Nursing (needs to be updated)

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<b>Tennessee</b>	Unable to determine Board assesses 1) required instructional contact hours embedded within the nursing curriculum and 2) whether clinical training was comparable in duration, supervision, and structure to Tennessee-approved programs (10/19/2025)	Meets	Tennessee Board of Nursing <a href="https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/nursing-board.html">https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/health-professional-boards/nursing-board.html</a>
<b>Texas</b>	Meet	Meets	Texas Board of Nursing <a href="https://www.bon.texas.gov/">https://www.bon.texas.gov/</a>
<b>U.S. Virgin Islands</b>	Unable to determine	Unable to determine	U.S. Virgin Islands Board of Nurse Licensure <a href="https://ncsbn.org/Virgin%20Islands.htm">https://ncsbn.org/Virgin%20Islands.htm</a>
<b>Utah</b>	Meets	Meets	Utah Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing: Nursing <a href="https://dopl.utah.gov/nurse/index.html">https://dopl.utah.gov/nurse/index.html</a>
<b>Vermont</b>	Unable to determine. A <u>verification of the education form</u> and official transcript needs to be submitted. Curriculum comparison is required (10/19/2025)	Meets	Vermont Office of Professional Regulation: Nursing <a href="https://sos.vermont.gov/nursing/">https://sos.vermont.gov/nursing/</a>
<b>Virginia</b>	Meets Final official transcript must include evidence of actual (direct client care) clinical hours broken down for each course).	Meets	Virginia Board of Nursing <a href="http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/Nursing/">http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/Nursing/</a>
<b>Washington</b>	Undetermined. <u>The Washington Board of Nursing</u> reviews official transcripts for schools outside of WA before granting eligibility to test in Pearson Vue. If equivalency can't be determined, an education verification form needs to be completed by nursing education program. Therefore, Bellin College cannot determine whether completion of the CCNE accredited Bachelor of Science in Nursing program meets the educational requirements to apply for RN licensure in WA.	Unable to determine. A formal curriculum comparison is required (January 30, 2026)	Washington Nursing Commission <a href="https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/NursingCommission">https://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/NursingCommission</a>

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<b>West Virginia</b>	Unable to determine Curriculum Comparison is required (10/19/2025)	Meets. West Virginia determines educational acceptability based on program accreditation rather than a curriculum comparison (1/30/2026).	West Virginia RN Board <a href="https://wvrnboard.wv.gov/Pages/default.aspx">https://wvrnboard.wv.gov/Pages/default.aspx</a>
<b>Wisconsin</b>	Meets	Meets	Wisconsin Board of Nursing <a href="https://dsps.wi.gov/pages/BoardsCouncils/Nursing/Default.aspx">https://dsps.wi.gov/pages/BoardsCouncils/Nursing/Default.aspx</a>
<b>Wyoming</b>	Meets	Meets	Wyoming State Board of Nursing <a href="https://wsbn.wyo.gov/">https://wsbn.wyo.gov/</a>