

Nurse Apprentice Temporary License

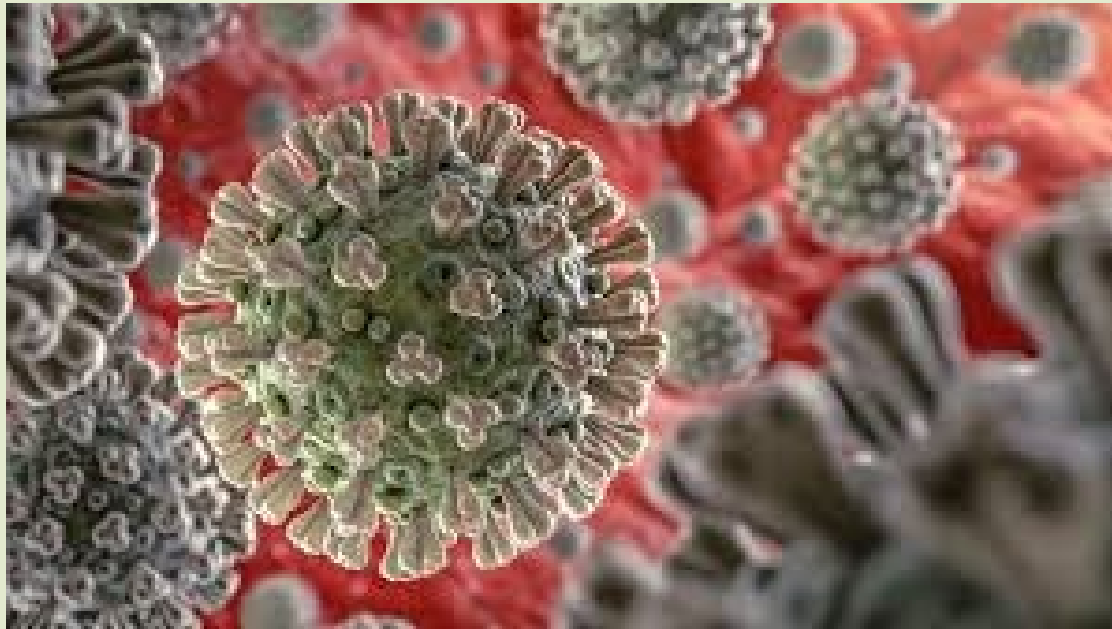
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WHY?

COVID-19 and increased
need in Care Facilities





Authority for license

- ▶ Utah 58-1-307 (4)
- ▶ Upon the declaration of a national, state, or local emergency,...
- ▶ Modify,.. the scope of practice restrictions under this title..
- ▶ Suspend the requirements for licensure under this title and modify the scope of practice in the circumstances...



What is required?

- ▶ Certify that candidates have met all RN license requirements, except graduating from an approved nursing education program as defined in Utah Code Section 58-31b-601 and passing the NCLEX-RN, as follows:
- ▶ Enrolled in final semester or culminating experience of an accredited associate or baccalaureate nursing program (as defined in Utah Code Section 58-31b-601).
- ▶ Currently in good academic standing.
- ▶ Has asked Dean or appointed Program Representative to complete the Certification of Academic Status of Nurse Education form.



Requirements continued

- ▶ Understand and agree that:
- ▶ this Temporary RN Apprentice license is non-renewable, but may be extended by the Division upon notice to me.
- ▶ this Temporary RN Apprentice license will expire upon the earlier of:
 - ▶ 180 days from issuance;
 - ▶ 30 days from the end of the declared emergency; or
 - ▶ upon 10 days' notice from the Division, and may be revoked at any time.
- ▶ If candidate graduates from an approved nursing education program as defined in Utah Code Section 58- 31b-601 and pass the NCLEX, they agree to submit an application to become licensed as a RN, and the temporary Nurse Apprentice license will be superseded upon issuance of the RN license.




Practice limitations

A Temporary RN Apprentice must practice under the DIRECT SUPERVISION of a Utah licensed RN, APRN, or Medical Doctor (MD or DO).

- "Direct supervision" means the supervising licensee is present and available for face-to-face communication with the person being supervised when and where professional services are being provided. *Utah Admin. Code R156-1-102a(4)(a)*
- The supervising licensee's license must be active and good standing.



Utah only license

- ▶ The Temporary RN Apprentice license is only valid in Utah. It is not eligible for the Nurse Licensure Compact and is considered “Single State”.
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Applicant attestation

- ▶ I have reviewed and certify that I will abide by the laws and rules that govern the practice of my profession. This includes all laws and rules governing the delegation of nursing tasks. See Utah Admin. Code Sections R156-31b-102(12), R156-31b-701, and R156-17b-701a.



Program Directors are Certifying qualification for the license

Certification of Academic Status of Nurse Education

- ▶ This form may be used in lieu of transcripts to document the academic status of a student who:
 - ▶ is enrolled in their final semester or culminating experience of an accredited associate or baccalaureate nursing program (as defined in Utah Code Section 58-31b-601); and
 - ▶ is currently in good academic standing.
- ▶ It must be completed by an official representative of the school and bear the school's official seal.
- ▶ It must be sent directly from the school to DOPL, or sealed in an envelope bearing the school's stamp/seal on the envelope flap and submitted with your application. If the form is presented to DOPL unsealed, it will be rejected.

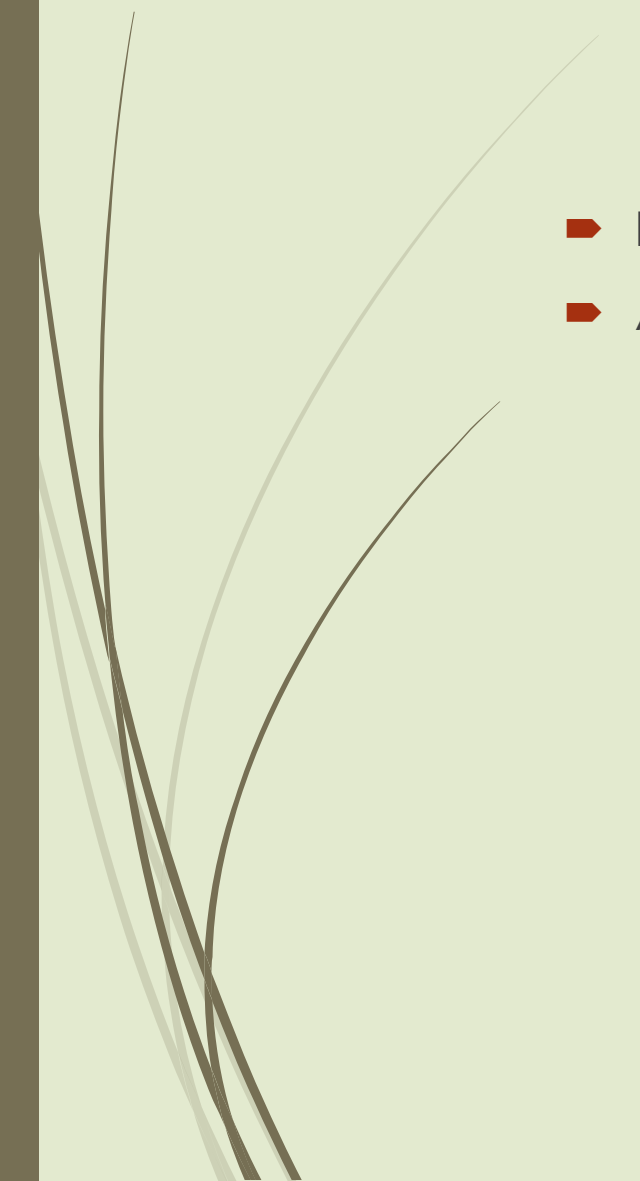



Reference to statute

- ▶ **58-31b-601 Minimum standards for nursing programs -- Medication aide training.**
- ▶ (1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), to qualify as an approved education program for the purpose of qualifying graduates for licensure under this chapter, a nursing education program shall be accredited by an accrediting body for nursing education that is approved by the United States Department of Education.

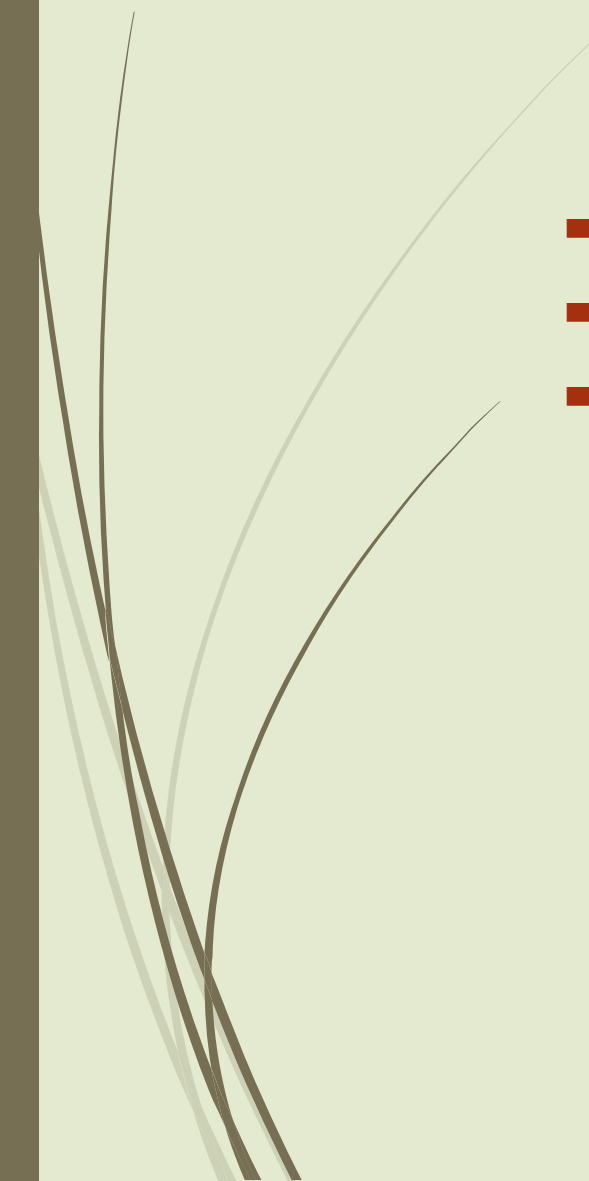


Problems with applications

- ▶ Incomplete applications are the biggest problem
 - ▶ Applicants do not have Certification of Academic status
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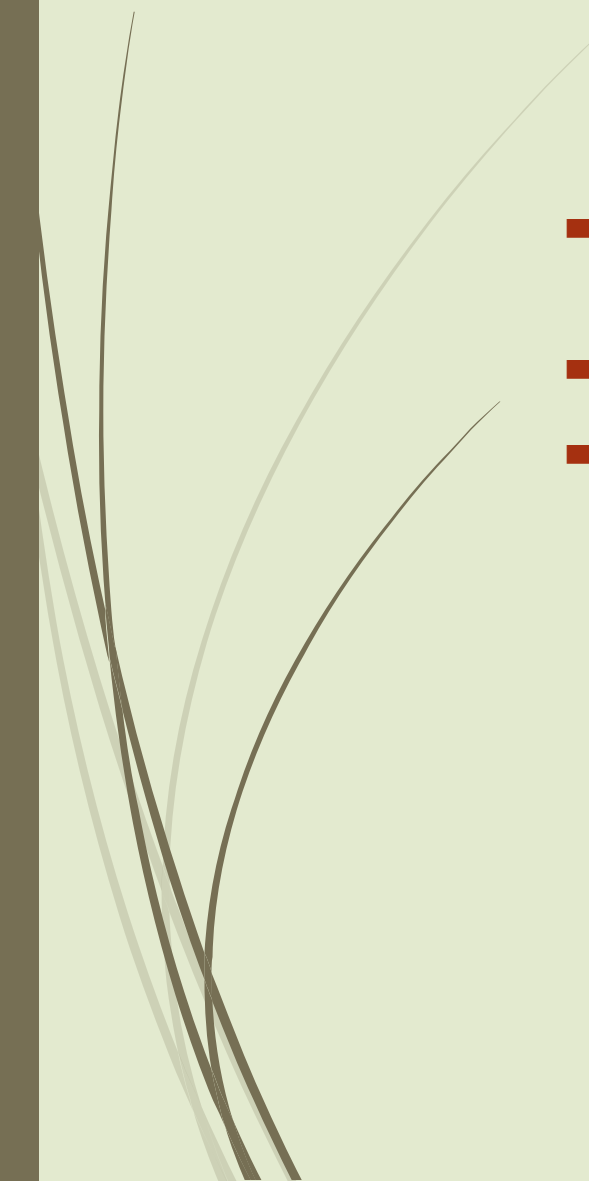
Results



- ▶ Over 722 applications have been approved to date
- ▶ 633 Temporary RN Apprentices are currently practicing
- ▶ 89 finished school and passed NCLEX and are now licensed as an RN



Future considerations

- To make the apprentice license permanent would require Legislative action.
 - Is there a need?
 - Does it improve the profession of nursing?
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Questions?