

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 80 (HB 320)

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Existing law provides for the requirements to be licensed as a practical nurse.

Prior law provided that an applicant for licensure as a practical nurse shall have successfully completed a course in an accredited school for the training of practical nurses.

New law requires an applicant for licensure as a practical nurse to successfully complete either an education program for practical nurses approved by the La. State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners or an education program for registered nurses approved by the La. State Board of Nursing.

Existing law requires certified nurse aides employed or contracted by a nursing facility to provide nursing assistant services to the residents of a nursing facility be registered with the La. Certified Nurse Aide Registry maintained by the La. Dept. of Health (LDH).

New law allows an individual who successfully completes one semester of a registered or practical nursing education program that includes a course on foundational nursing skills to apply and, if otherwise eligible, take a nurse aide competency evaluation examination approved by LDH.

New law further provides that an individual who successfully passes an approved nurse aide competency evaluation examination may register with the La. Certified Nurse Aide Registry and shall not be required to complete a nurse aide training program.

Effective August 1, 2023.

(Amends R.S. 37:970(3); Adds R.S. 40:2120.52(C))