Prospective Online Students and Matriculated Students Considering Moving to a Different State Prior to Completion of their Online Program of Study

Each state determines who it will approve/authorize to conduct educational programs within its borders. In addition, there are often specific prohibitions regarding nursing programs because of clinical practicums being supervised by faculty who are out of state and not licensed to practice in that state. Listed below are states that have placed restrictions on online programs and/or nursing programs. If your home state is on this list UMass Boston is currently unable to accept your application for any of our online nursing programs:

- Alabama
- Alaska
- Arkansas
- Colorado
- Iowa
- Kansas – new as of 7/9/15
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Maryland
- Minnesota
- New Mexico
- New York
- Nevada
- North Carolina
- North Dakotas new as of 8/28
- Ohio – new as of 7/31
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- Texas (on a case by case basis)
- Virginia
- Washington
- West Virginia
- Wyoming

The Online RN to BS program currently only accepts applicants living in and licensed in Massachusetts.

While we work hard to remain current, please note that state approval/authorization are ever-changing and states can impose or lift restrictions at any time. Due to the fluidity of state authorization, the following will be required as part of the Admission Materials submitted by all out of state applicants to UMass Boston online nursing programs beginning with applicants for the Spring 2016 semester:

- A communication in the form of an official email(s) or letter(s) from the appropriate governing entities (State Board of Education and/or Board of State of Nursing) stating that you will be allowed to perform your clinical practica in your home state and, upon completion of your program of study, be eligible for licensure should you meet all other state requirements. Verification of your state’s eligibility must be confirmed prior to submitting your application, as application fees are non-refundable.
- The status of state legislation/policies are ever-changing - therefore list subject to change.

It is strongly encouraged that if you intend to move prior to the completion of your clinical practica, that you obtain the above documentation from the state to which you are moving. While we will enter into discussions with state agencies, UMass Boston is not obligated to seek state approval/authorization because individual students change residences during their program of study or live in a state where restrictions exist. It is always our goal to offer a quality education to nursing students everywhere and we intend to promote reciprocal agreements between more states’ agencies in the future.

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