



Information for all incoming Nursing Students New York State Law, regarding BSN in 10 Law

1. What does the law require?

The law will require future nurses who graduate from a New York State Diploma or Associate Degree program to obtain a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing within ten years of becoming a nurse.

2. When does the law take effect?

The law took effect December 18, 2017 when it was signed into law by Governor Cuomo.

3. Who does the law affect?

The new law affects anyone who starts a New York State Diploma or Associate Degree program to become a Registered Professional Nurse (pre-licensure program) after the bill became law unless they are grandfathered.

4. Who is grandfathered under the law?

All RNs who were licensed on or before December 18, 2017 are grandfathered and do not need to meet the requirement to complete a RN/BS program.

- Any person, who was enrolled in, was accepted in or was waitlisted for later acceptance in a Diploma or Associate Degree program in New York State before Dec. 18, 2017 is grandfathered and will not be required to complete a RN/BS completion program to maintain permanent RN licensure in NYS after they graduate.

5. Must I obtain my Bachelor's Degree to practice?

The new law affects anyone who starts a New York State Diploma or Associate Degree program to become a Registered Professional Nurse (pre-licensure program) after the bill became law (December 18, 2017) who were not enrolled in a nursing program **are required to obtain** Bachelor's degree in Nursing **within 10 years** from their graduation.

6. How long will I have to complete my BSN?

You then have **10 years from the date** of your first licensure as an **RN after graduating from an AD** or Diploma school to complete the BS in nursing to get re-registered to practice.

7. What happens if I can't complete my BS in Nursing within the law's 10 year requirement?

If you are unable to complete the BS in nursing requirements in the new law within 10 years of your initial licensure, you may make an application for an extension to the New York State Education Department, Board of Nursing. If you fail to complete the program in the specified time allotted in the law you may receive a one year extension that may be extended for one additional year to allow you to complete the requirement as will be defined by regulation.

Student Name (Print)

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Date

References

New York State Law, regarding BSN in 10 Law
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