

DACA NURSES & DACA DREAM ACT INFORMATION



DACA Nurses

- Law went into effect July 24th, 2019
- According to Governor Hutchinson's Office:
 - The Nursing Board of Arkansas can now begin to
 - Allow DACA recipients who have successfully completed and graduated from an approved registered nursing education program in Arkansas to sit in for the NCLEX
 - Issue Nursing Licenses to DACA Recipients who have successfully passed the NCLEX and have satisfied all needed requirements
- First Step
 - The first step is to create an account in the Arkansas Nurse Portal - Got to ARSBN.ORG
 - This is where you need to be your own advocate. Although we know the law is retroactive, meaning that those students who were not allowed to sit in for the NCLEX in the past will be able to as of July 25, 2019, the nursing students who have completed all of the educational requirements need to make sure that they still meet all of the educational requirements.
- More information
 - If you have questions about requirements, process and any other information regarding DACA recipients, we recommend you contact The Arkansas State Board of Nursing
 - Address: Arkansas State Board of Nursing
 - University Tower Bldg. 1123 South University Suite 800 Little Rock, AR 72204-1619
 - Phone:
 - 501-686-2700

Arkansas DACA DREAM Act

- As of TODAY, JULY 30th, 2019, we have not been able to verify if Arkansas Department of Higher Education has promulgated rules
- Information is tentative kindly put together by Staff at University of Arkansas Cossatot
- Cossatot has submitted rules to the U of A System and we are still waiting for approval
- Tentative Systems Policy:
 - Student must be a graduate of an Arkansas public or private high school or must have earned an Arkansas High School equivalency
 - Required documentation may include one of the following:
 - a. Official high school transcript
 - b. Graduate Equivalency Diploma (GED) certificate or scores issued by the Arkansas Department of Career Education or other appropriate state agency



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- **3 Year Residency Requirements:**
 - Student must have resided in the State of Arkansas for at least three (3) years at the time of application for admission or tuition equity adjustment
- **Acceptable Documentation to prove residence in Arkansas:**
 - Official High School Transcript
 - Billing history indicating in state residence
 - Driver's license or state identification card issued in the State of Arkansas
 - Notarized letter from an employer or landlord
 - Other forms of verification may be accepted at the discretion of the institution.
- **Students from the Marshall Islands:**
 - Student has immigrated from the Republic of the Marshall Islands and has verified legal presence in the State of Arkansas.
 - Acceptable documentation certifying citizenship/country of birth as the Republic of the Marshall Islands may include:
 - a. Passport
 - b. Employment Authorization Document Card
 - c. Permanent Resident Card
 - d. Unexpired Immigrant Visa
 - e. Additional forms of verification may be accepted at the discretion of the institution
- **Students with WORK VISAS:**
 - Student or parent holds a Federal Form I-766, known as a work permit.
 - Required documentation includes:
 - a. Unexpired Employment Authorization Card issued to the student
 - b. Unexpired Employment Authorization Card issued to the parent and documentation, such as birth certificate, verifying the parent-child relationship
- **DACA Students:**
 - Student has requested and been approved for an exemption under Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).
 - Exemption must be current.
 - Required documentation:
 - Form I-797, Notice of Action



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