Professional Licensure Information

Licensure information for UH Maui College programs is provided below.

Associate in Applied Science in Automotive Technology (AAS-AMT)

The Automotive Technology program curriculum is aligned with the accrediting bodies of Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) and the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF). Graduates are eligible to take the ASE Certification test. The State of Hawai‘i requires both the repair shop and the mechanic to be licensed. Additional requirements for automotive technicians include two years of on the job training or one year of on the job training and a two-year degree in automotive repair to qualify for certification. State certification information can be found at http://asecertificationtraining.com.

Associate of Science Degree in Dental Hygiene (AS-DH)

The Dental Hygiene program is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation, a specialized accrediting body recognized by the Council of Postsecondary Accreditation and the United States Department of Education. Graduates are eligible to take the National Board of Dental Hygiene Exam, National Clinical Examination, and apply for licensure with the Hawai’i Board of Dental Examiners. Each State has its own requirements but they all require the NDHBE results and clinical exam.

Associate of Science Degree in Nursing - Registered Nurse (AS-NURS) & Certificate of Achievement in Practical Nursing (CA-PRCN)

The Nursing program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). Graduates are deemed eligible by the State of Hawai‘i Board of Nursing to take the Licensed Practical Nurse or Registered Nurse examination and apply for licensure in the State of Hawai‘i. The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) issues national, uniform requirements for licensure by exam or endorsement, renewals and reinstatement. These include proof of completion of an approved nursing education program, successful completion of the NCLEX exam, proficiency in English, and self-disclosure of misdemeanors, felonies and substance abuse. However, each state’s Nursing Practice Act outlines its unique requirements. From state to state, license application fees, length of application process, renewal timelines and requirements, clinical hours served, continued education units (CEU), and temporary practice permits vary. Here is a link to certification and licensure information for all 50 States: https://nursinglicensemap.com/states/.

Out of State Students

If you are not a resident of Hawai‘i and you are taking an online course or program leading to professional licensure, UH Maui College cannot confirm whether the course or program meets your state’s professional licensure requirements. If you intend to seek certification or work in another state, it is highly recommended that you contact the state that you intend to work in to determine the requirements for certification and the ability to work in that state. The University of Hawai‘i Maui College is a member of the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA). This allows us to offer distance education to students in member states without seeking individual state’s approval. More information on professional licensure can be found on the NC-SARA webpage.