

# Licensing Examinations:

Athabasca University has several programs that meet requirements for licensure:

1. **Post-Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) Bachelor of Nursing** - Our AU Post-LPN Bachelor of Nursing graduates are eligible to write the National Council Licensure Examination – Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN) and to apply for registration with any of Canada's 12 provincial or territorial nursing regulators.
2. **Master of Counselling** – As of 2021, graduates from AU's Master of Counselling Program (with sufficient additional psychology coursework) meet the academic requirements for licensing as a Registered Psychologist with the College of Alberta Psychologists (CAP). As of 2022, the College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario approved the Master of Counselling degree. Ontario graduates of the course-based exit route are eligible to become Registered Psychotherapists – Qualifying (RP-Q) after completing 10 courses. Ontario graduates from the thesis route are eligible to become RP-Qs when they have completed other coursework and have not yet defended their thesis. And as of 2024, Nova Scotia graduates are eligible for registration as a Counselling Therapist with the Nova Scotia College of Counselling Therapists (NSCCT).
3. **Master of Nursing – Nurse Practitioner** – Graduate of AU's Nurse Practitioner (NP) program are academically prepared to write the Canadian Nurse Practitioner Exam (CNPE) and/or the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) exam. They can then apply for registration as an NP with their provincial nursing college.