

STEPS TO OBTAIN OHIO LICENSURE (BY EXAMINATION) FOR FOREIGN-EDUCATED NURSES

Obtain Application from the Ohio Board of Nursing (Board)
for Licensure by Examination
Cost - \$75.00
Application must be completed, signed and notarized.



VERIFICATION OF CITIZENSHIP

Applicant will need to attest to one of the following;

- United States citizen
- Alien lawfully admitted for permanent residency in the United States (attach a copy of the front and back of their alien registration card)
- Other non-immigrant status (attach a copy of documentation such as an I-20 and I-94)
- I am a foreign national not living in the United States



DOCUMENTATION OF EDUCATION

Applicant will need to request a Credential Evaluation Service (CES) Full Education Course-by-Course Evaluation from the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS). The report must show that education is comparable to that of a program within the United States. The contact number is (215) 349-8767. The Board must receive the report directly from CGFNS.



PROOF OF ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

Applicant will need to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL iBT). Internet-based version - Score must be 83 or higher. The applicant needs to contact the Educational Testing Services (ETS) at 609-771-7100. The Board must receive the test scores directly from ETS.



CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK

Civilian and federal background checks are required. A BCI (civilian) and FBI (federal) criminal records check is required for all applicants who entered a pre-licensure nursing education program on or after June 1, 2003.



PASS NATIONAL COUNCIL LICENSURE EXAMINATION (NCLEX®)



LICENSURE OF APPLICANT

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