

Overview of Ohio Licensing Process for Foreign Educated Nurse

State of Ohio Board of Nursing: Foreign Education

The **State of Ohio Board of Nursing** requires nurses to apply for the Ohio Licensure for Foreign-Educated Nurses at www.nursing.ohio.gov/

Cost - \$75.00

For questions about the Ohio Licensure Application Contact licensure@nursing.ohio.gov.

Steps for Application

Verification of Citizenship

Applicant will need to attest to one of the following:

- United States citizen
- Person lawfully admitted for permanent residency in the United States (attach a copy of the front and back of their USCIS issued registration card)
- Other non-immigrant status (attach a copy of documentation such as an I-20 and I-94)
- 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 and their website is <http://www.cgfns.org>. 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 or register online at www.ets.org. 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.



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