REQUIREMENTS FOR AN INTERNATIONALLY EDUCATED NURSE:

**PROOF OF LICENSURE IN COUNTRY FROM WHICH YOU RECEIVED YOUR NURSING EDUCATION**

For more information go to:

Rules for the Administration of The Nurse Practice Act:
Section 1300.300 Application for Examination or Licensure 4) A)


**PROOF OF PASSAGE OF THE NATIONAL LICENSING EXAMINATION:**

- NCLEX - National Council Licensure Exam

The “National Council Licensure Exam” (NCLEX) state board application can be obtained by going to the IDFPR website at [http://continentaltestinginc.com/](http://continentaltestinginc.com/).


**PROOF OF EDUCATION EQUIVALENCY**

CHOOSE ONE:

- A Credential Evaluation Service Report. Proof of passing either the TOEFL or IELTS if your program was not taught in English.
- An Original CGFNS VisaScreen Certificate or JS&A Visa4Nurses Certificate
- An Original CGFNS Certificate

THE CES REPORT AND THE TOEFL / IELTS APPLIES TO ALL INTERNATIONALLY EDUCATED NURSES INCLUDING U.S. CITIZENS AND VISA HOLDERS.

BECAUSE TRANSCRIPTS MAY BE HARD TO OBTAIN, WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU
GET YOUR CES REPORT PRIOR TO APPLYING FOR THE NCLEX.

CES “Credential Evaluation Service” Report

**CHOOSE A VENDOR:**

The report must be obtained through one of the following credentialing service vendors. When complete the Department (IDFPR) will download the CES Report from the respective vendor’s website.

**Contact:**

Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS)
3600 Market Street, Suite 400
Philadelphia, PA 19104-2651

Phone: 215.349.8767
Fax: 215.662.0452
Email: support@cgfns.org
Web Site: [http://www.cgfns.org](http://www.cgfns.org)

**Request:**
- The Professional Report

**Contact:**

Education Records Evaluation Service, Inc.
601 University Avenue, Suite 127
Sacramento, CA 95825

Phone: 916.921.0790
Fax: 916.921.0793
Email: edu@eres.com
Web Site: [http://www.eres.com](http://www.eres.com)

**Request:**
- The Nursing Evaluation and Course by Course Report

**Contact:**

Josef Silny & Associates, Inc.
International Education Consultants
7101 SW 102 Avenue
Miami, FL 33173

Phone: 305-273-1616
Fax: 305-273-1338
Email: info@jsilny.org
Web Site: [www.jsilny.org](http://www.jsilny.org)

**Request:**
- Foreign Credential Evaluation for Boards of Nursing

**THE CES REPORT IS VALID FOR THE LIFE OF THE APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE OR THREE YEARS AT THE LONGEST**

**Language** - If the applicant's program of instruction was not taught in English:

**CHOOSE A VENDOR:**

Certification of passing an English Exam must be obtained through one of the following credentialing service vendors.

**Results should be sent by the vendor directly to:**
IDFPR, 320 W. Washington St. 3rd FL., Springfield IL 62786  Attn: Nursing Unit

**Contact:**
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
  
  Web Site: [http://www.ets.org/toefl/](http://www.ets.org/toefl/)

  The minimum passing score:
  - Paper-based test is 560
  - Computer-based test is 220
  - Internet-based test is 83

  **Contact:**
  - The International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Academic Module
    
    Web Site: [http://www.ielts.org/](http://www.ielts.org/)

    The minimum passing score:
    - 6.5 (overall score) and 7.0 (spoken band)
**TOEFL / IELTS may be waived by IDFPR if your CES report indicates your nursing education program was conducted in English utilizing English Textbooks.**

**Fingerprints / Back-ground Checks**

Individuals applying for licensure for professions that require fingerprints must submit to a criminal back-ground check and provide evidence of fingerprint processing from a fingerprint vendor licensed by the Department. Fingerprints must be taken within 60 days from the date that the application is submitted to the Department or the Department’s testing vendor.

For more information see attached forms:

- IDENTITY VERIFICATION CERTIFYING STATEMENT / OOS-FP
- CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK INFORMATION

**Social Security Number**

APPLICANTS who state they cannot obtain a social security number must complete the attached affidavit form:

- AFFIDAVIT SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

**Endorsement**

Endorsing an active license from another state / requirements:

- Application by Endorsement:
  
  Go to [https://www.idfpr.com/profs/Nursing.asp](https://www.idfpr.com/profs/Nursing.asp) under License Information > RN & LPN Applications

- Choose One:
  
  - Credential Evaluation Report
  - CGFNS Certificate
  - CGFNS Visa Screen Certificate
  - JS&A Visa4Nurses Certificate

An English test is not required as long as you took and passed the NCLEX Exam.