



# Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation

## Division of Professional Regulation

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### REQUIREMENTS FOR AN INTERNATIONALLY EDUCATED NURSE:

PROOF OF EDUCATION EQUIVALENCY IN THE FORM OF ONE OF THE FOLLOWING IS REQUIRED:

- Credential Evaluation Service Report **and** Proof of Passage of either **TOEFL or IELTS**; OR,
- VisaScreen Certificate (original), OR,
- CGFNS Certificate (original)

PROOF OF PASSAGE OF THE NATIONAL LICENSING EXAMINATION:

- NCLEX - National Council Licensure Exam

**YOU MUST BE LICENSED IN COUNTRY FROM WHICH YOU RECEIVED YOUR NURSING EDUCATION.**

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

### CES Report

The CES "Credential Evaluation Service" Healthcare Profession & Science Course by Course Report must be obtained through **one of the following credentialing service vendors:**

<p><b>Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS)</b> 3600 Market Street Suite 400 Philadelphia, PA 19104-2651 Phone: 215.349.8767 Fax: 215.662.0452 Email: <a href="mailto:support@cgfns.org">support@cgfns.org</a> Wes Site: <a href="http://www.cgfns.org">http://www.cgfns.org</a></p>	<p>Request a Nursing and Science, Course by Course report.</p> <p>Request the "Full Education" report only if you think you will be attending graduate school in the United States some time in the future.</p>
<p><b>Education Records Evaluation Service, Inc.</b> 601 University Avenue, Suite 127 Sacramento, CA 95825 Phone: 916.921.0790 Fax: 916.921.0793 Email: <a href="mailto:edu@eres.com">edu@eres.com</a> Wes Site: <a href="http://www.eres.com">http://www.eres.com</a></p>	<p>Request a Nursing Evaluation and Course by Course report.</p>

**THE DEPARTMENT WILL DOWNLOAD THE CES REPORT FROM THE RESPECTIVE AGENCY WEBSITE.**

## **TOEFL**

If the applicant's first language is not English, certification of passage of either the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Academic Module. For TOEFL the minimum passing score on the paper-based test is 560, computer-based test is 220, and internet-based test is 83. For the IELTS Academic Module, the minimum passing score shall be 6.5 (overall score) and 7.0 (spoken band).

TOEFL / IELTS may be waived by the Department/Division if your credentials evaluation report indicates your nursing education program was conducted in English utilizing English Textbooks.

Results should be sent by TOEFL / IELTS directly to us.

**THE CES REPORT AND THE TOEFL / IELTS APPLIES TO ALL INTERNATIONALLY EDUCATED NURSES INCLUDING THOSE APPLYING BY ENDORSEMENT, U.S. CITIZENS AND VISA HOLDERS.**

## **NCLEX**

The "National Council Licensure Exam" (NCLEX) state board application can be obtained by calling the Technical Assistance Unit of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) at 217 782 8556 or go to the IDFPR website at <http://www.idfpr.com/Renewals/apply/Rn.asp> to print a copy. If calling, request an "Application by Exam for an RN" and give the IDFPR staff your name and address of where you would like the application sent. Please speak clearly and spell out your name, street and city.

If you are endorsing a current active license from another jurisdiction of the United States and can verify passing the NCLEX then request or print an "Application by Endorsement for an RN".

## **SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (SSN) REQUIREMENT**

- Applicants who have obtained a social security number are required to disclose their social security number at the time of initial application and renewal.
- Applicants who have not yet arrived in the United States and may not have obtained a social security number but are planning on residing in the United States will **not be required to provide a social security number at the time of application.** However, the applicant will be required to provide their SSN at the time of renewal.
- Applicants who cannot obtain a social security number because they do not intend to reside in the United States are required to obtain a letter from the Social Security Administration or other appropriate government entity (consulate etc.) indicating the applicant will never be issued a SSN.
- Applicants who will not be residing in the United States and who are unable to secure a letter from the Social Security Administration or other appropriate government entity will be required to file an Affidavit Regarding Social Security Nursing with the Department attesting to the fact they are unable to obtain a SSN. The applicant will also be required to attest to the fact that if they obtain their SSN, they will be required to provide the number in writing to the Department.

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