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 (CES). Proof of passing either the TOEFL or IELTS if your program was not taught in English.

- An Original VisaScreen Certificate
- Certification of having had been licensed in the country from which you received your nursing education.

- An Original CGFNS Certificate

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

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<td>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.</td>
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**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

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**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:

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**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)

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**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