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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)

<http://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/068/068013000C03000R.html>

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/> .

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) Help Line: 1 800 560 6420.

PROOF OF EDUCATION EQUIVALENCY

CHOOSE ONE :

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Credential Evaluation Service Report (CES). Proof of passing either the TOEFL or IELTS if your program was not taught in English. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Original VisaScreen Certificate • Certification of having had been licensed in the country from which you received your nursing education. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Original CGFNS Certificate |
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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.

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>

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>

Request:

- The Nursing Evaluation and Course by Course Report

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/>

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/>

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

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