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Unit 5: Z- Chapter 5  
Online Assignment (1H)

Directions: Follow instructions for each section and answer all questions. This assignment is due in the Unit 5: Z- Ch. 5 dropbox 2/20/2023 at 0800.

Assignment objective: Examine the process of licensure for professional nurses.

1. Visit the OBN website: [www.nursing.ohio.gov/](http://www.nursing.ohio.gov/)
  - a. Click on “Licensing & Certification” at the top of the page.
  - b. Click on “Multistate Licensure”. (MSL = Multistate Licensure)
  - c. Watch the video “The NCL is coming to Ohio”; explore the other MSL resources (NCL = Nursing Compact License)
  - d. Answer the following questions after viewing the video:
    1. **List three key points you learned from the NCL video.**
      - 1) The MSL applies for both RN’s and LPN’s and once obtained they are able to apply and work in any compact state. There are now 39 states that are a part of the NCL agreement including Ohio.
      - 2) The MSL takes down barriers for nurses and expands their licensure. 98% of nurses according to a survey want their state to be a part of the compact due to the benefits. It expands the nurse’s personal licensure improving care for the public.
      - 3) The MSL simplifies the process of hiring agents making nurses readily available wherever needed.
    2. **How can having MSL in Ohio positively impact the nursing shortage at Firelands?**

The MSL in Ohio can positively impact the nursing shortage at Firelands because it allows nurses from other compact states to come to Ohio and seek jobs here. There are currently 38 other states in this agreement. With the MSL it makes the process of transferring to a job in a new state or even working through telehealth almost seamless. This will attract nurses across the country to explore their options, and with that increase the amount of applicants coming to Firelands for work.
  - e. Click on “Continuing Education & Pre-Licensure” at the top of the page.
  - f. Click on “Continuing Education”.
  - g. Click on “CE Requirements for License Renewal”.
  - h. Answer the following questions:
    1. **In your own words, explain the difference between “CE” and “Category A CE”.**

The difference between CE and category A CE is that continuing education (CE) is an education opportunity that increases the learning of a licensed RN aside from their educational programs they received their diploma through in order to enhance their knowledge and improve health care for the public. Whereas Category A CE is extra educational opportunities for licensed individuals

approved by or taught by an Ohio Board of Nursing personnel. These learning activities involve topics concerned with the Ohio Nurse Practice Act and the administrative rules of the OBN.

**2. After an RN's initial renewal, how many CE's have to be completed during the 2-year license cycle?**

After an RN's initial renewal they must complete at least 24 hours of CE that includes at least one contact hour of Category A CE for each renewal.

- i. Click on "Compliance & Regulation" at the top of the page.
- j. Click on "Laws & Rules".
- k. Click on "Chapter 4723-4".
- l. Click on "Rule 4723-4-03"
- m. Read through this Rule (A-K)
- n. Answer the following question:

**1. Pick one of the Rules (A-K) and explain the importance of this rule to patient safety and positive patient outcomes. This must be in your own words and at least 75 words.**

One rule that stood out to me to be of great importance in terms of patient safety and positive outcomes is rule E. Firstly the rule states that a registered nurse should proceed with any new orders promptly. But, building off that it states the nurse should do this except if for any reason the RN is questioning the order whether that be due to it being incorrect, not given under proper authorization, injurious to the client, or even contradicted based off prior information. The rule goes on to state that if this occurs the nurse must clarify the order before following through with it. This is important because if the nurse just trusted every order without critically thinking through the meaning and outcome and how it relates to the patient's status major errors could occur. The nurse should utilize the knowledge they have gained and make sense of why something is being ordered before agreeing and implementing it blindly. Doctors are humans, and humans are not perfect beings. Errors can and do occur, and that is why there is steps that must be taken before things are moved forward with. As a nurse you hold great responsibility because you are the bridge between a written order, and it being carried out. You have a duty to agree with the order and only implement it if you believe it is correct and beneficial to your patient. Clarifying an order you are unsure of is important and should not be dismissed by trusting the doctor's words. Truly, this rule is the difference between a fatal accident and catching an error before it occurs. As I begin my journey as a newly licensed RN here in May, I will remind myself of this rule and make sure all the orders I am implementing make sense, are accurate, are safe, and do not contradict the patient's status.

2. Visit the NCSBN website: <http://www.ncsbn.com/>
  - a. Click on "NCLEX & Other Exams".
  - b. Take time to scroll through the various resources to familiarize yourself with the NCLEX application process, exam, etc.
    1. You will receive handouts and we will discuss during class.