

Firelands Regional Medical Center School of Nursing

AMSN- 2023

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. Three points I’ve learned from the NCL video are
        - a. When becoming a compact state, each state has to enact legislation and the compact states all have to agree on it as well. Meaning, a nurse with a compact license will be able to practice in all compact states.
        - b. Compact states are possible for RN’s and LPN’s.
        - c. There will be no delays in a nurse being able to practice in the state, meaning a nurse can continue to practice wherever they go if it is a compact state. And now the public can continue to have quality healthcare.
      2. How can having MSL in Ohio positively impact the nursing shortage at Firelands?
        1. MSL in Ohio will help with the nursing shortage because it will be easier to obtain travel nurses from other states, without the delays of obtaining a license to practice in Ohio. However, from feedback I’ve heard from nurses at Firelands, a lot of them will be mad if they get travel nurses because of how hard they have had to work these past couple years, and the significant pay difference between staff and travel staff. So it might create an issue. But it doesn’t mean just travel nurses, it could also mean families who have wanted to move to Ohio, and they will be able to work sooner. Or recruiting nurses from outside of Ohio.
  - 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”.
      1. CE’s are learning opportunities that can help promote professional skill development or enhancement. Category A CE is a continuing education that has to be approved and provided by the OBN.

2. After an RN's initial renewal, how many CE's have to be completed during the 2-year license cycle?
  1. After taking the NCLEX, a nurse does not have to complete any CE's for the first license renewal. After that, nurses have to complete 24 hours of CE's and at least one hour of Category A CE before their 2 year renewal is up.

- 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.

Rule E states that a nurse should implement an order in a timely manner, unless the nurse believes the order is inaccurate, not properly authorized, not current or valid, is harmful or potentially harmful to the patient, or is contraindicated by other documented information. And if the nurse does not carry out this order they must clarify with the appropriate HCP, notify the HCP, and document the decision.

Rule E is important because nurses are expected to carry out orders quickly, but HCP's are human too and can easily make a mistake. It is important for the nurse to use their judgment on critical decisions. An example might be if a patient is receiving daily HTN medications, but their BP was 60/40. This would be a reason for the nurse to withhold the prescribed medication and notify the HCP (but usually it is also assumed BP are held if SBP is <100). So another example could be a surgeon calls the OR and is ready to operate, but he or she have not even seen the patient or signed the consent. It is important for the nurse to make sure the consent has been signed and the procedure has been explained to the patient by that surgeon before any mind altering medications have been administered and before the patient is wheeled back into the OR.

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.