

Firelands Regional Medical Center School of Nursing

AMSN- 2024

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 2/19/2024 at 0800.

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

1. Visit the OBN website: 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 makes it easier to accommodate nurses who may have to move for family reasons.
 2. Nurses who have the MSL are readily available to work in any state.
 3. The MSL is an agreement between states where any RN or LPN can obtain if they meet certain criteria and can then work in any compact state.
 2. **How can having MSL in Ohio positively impact the nursing shortage at Firelands?**
 1. This could positively impact the nursing shortage at Firelands because nurses are now able to come and work from any compact state without having to go through the process of getting recertified in Ohio. Having to go through a long process of transferring their license is something that many nurses will not want to do unless they absolutely must. I am happy to hear that Ohio is part of the MSL.

 - 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. A CE is a learning activity to improve or enhance learning to keep nurses up to date with the best evidence based practice.
 2. Category A CE is the same as a CE but must be approved by the Ohio Board of Nursing (OBN).
 2. **After an RN’s initial renewal, how many CE’s have to be completed during the 2-year license cycle? 24 hours**
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- 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 100 words.**
 2. (B) A registered nurse shall maintain current knowledge of the duties, responsibilities, and accountabilities for safe nursing practice.
 1. This rule is important because nurses never stop learning. There are some nurses who are older and want to do things a certain way because that is how they did it when they started but everyone needs to understand that doing things have changed for patient safety. This is why nurses must complete CEs every year to stay up to date with all current information. When a facility gets some new equipment, they should always have a meeting demonstrating the equipment being used prior to a nurse doing it by themselves with no instruction. A lot of things have changed for positive patient outcomes such as the pyxis and the MAR, having to scan your meds is a great example of double checking that you have the correct medication and patient whereas with paper charting you had to be extremely careful with double checking and a lot more drug errors occurred.
2. Visit the NCSBN website: <http://www.ncsbn.com/>
 - a. Click on “Exams” and then “NCLEX”
 - 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.