

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. 98% of nurses want their state to be a part of the program.
 2. Having a multi-state license allows nurses to be readily available for positions in other states allowing prompt continuity of care, avoiding delays, notification requirements, or regulatory hoops to get past.
 3. This program simplifies the hiring process when looking for positions in other states who are also a part of the program.
 2. How can having MSL in Ohio positively impact the nursing shortage at Firelands?

Having MSL in Ohio allows for nurses from other states to work here, and they can accept positions at Firelands and help with the nursing shortage. The hiring process is more simple and nurses would be more likely to choose a location where it is not an extensive out-of-state hiring process.
 - 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”.

Continuing education (CE) is education provided to a licensee or certificate holder that allows them to expand their knowledge. This knowledge will then improve their skills and allow them to offer better quality health care to patients. Category A CE is directly related to the Ohio Nurse Practice Act and the OBN. When CE qualifies to be considered Category A, the education was either approved by an OBN approver or was directly offered from the OBN.
 2. After an RN’s initial renewal, how many CE’s have to be completed during the 2-year license cycle?

For the period immediately following the NCLEX examination, no CE hours are required to be completed. Nurses must complete at least 24 contact hours of CE including at least 1 Category A CE contact hour 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 100 words.

Rule (B): “A registered nurse shall maintain current knowledge of the duties, responsibilities, and accountabilities for safe nursing practice.”

This rule is important to safety and positive patient outcomes because it requires the nurse to be up to date on current knowledge of the nursing practice. Nurses must know if there are better ways to care for patients than the way they were originally taught, as evidence-based practice guides these decisions. A nurse can be held accountable for undesirable patient outcomes if an action they took is either out of date or not within their scope of practice anymore, or if something was added to the scope of practice and the nurse did not perform it. If regulations are updated and a nurse is not aware of this change, they will not be giving patients the quality care they deserve.

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.