

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.
 - Nurses with an NCL can practice in any compact state.
 - NCL nurses can take assignments in other states or even assist over telehealth readily without any delays or notification requirements.
 - The NCL can help with nursing shortages all over the country since there will be more nurses readily available.
 2. How can having MSL in Ohio positively impact the nursing shortage at Firelands?

The MSL can help the nursing shortage at Firelands because it will allow Firelands to hire nurses who were licensed in other states to fill empty positions in the hospital.

- 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 additional education to prelicensure education designed to improve one’s skills. Category A CE is continued education that is approved by the Ohio Board of Nursing.
 2. After an RN’s initial renewal, how many CE’s have to be completed during the 2-year license cycle?

During the 2-year license cycle, a nurse must complete 24 hours of CE, one of which must be category A CE.

- 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 in section 4723-4-03 states that nurses must have current knowledge of their duties, responsibilities, and accountabilities for safe practice. Evidence-based practices are constantly changing, and keeping up with these changes not only improves the quality of care, but also helps keep patients safe. Many practices that were deemed safe years ago may

not be deemed safe now. For example, it used to be standard practice for nurses to milk chest tubes, but due to the risk of air leakage and trauma, this practice is no longer used in the healthcare setting. Keeping up to date on safe practices and nursing duties helps prevent complications such as these from happening and keeps patients safe.

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.