

Firelands Regional Medical Center School of Nursing

AMSN- 2025

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 2/27/2025 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. An RN or LPN can obtain a multistate license as long as they meet all requirements.
2. This multistate license allows the nurse to expand their care and allows us to provide more widespread care where nurses are needed.
3. As soon as the nurse obtains this license, they can begin working in any state immediately. There is no delay in the care from the licensing process.
2. How can having MSL in Ohio positively impact the nursing shortage at Firelands?

This would be helpful as if travel nurses want to come to Ohio, they can come work at Firelands and help us through the nursing shortage.

- 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”.

CE refers to any learning activity that enhances a nurse’s knowledge or skills related to their profession. It includes various educational programs or workshops that contribute to a nurse’s professional development, which can help improve the quality of healthcare provided.

Category A CE specifically refers to continuing education that is directly related to the Ohio Nurse Practice Act and the administrative rules set by the Ohio Board of Nursing. To qualify as Category A, the CE must be approved by an Ohio Board of Nursing (OBN) approver or come from an OBN-approved provider headquartered in Ohio. It is a more specific, state-regulated subset of CE that focuses on legal and regulatory knowledge relevant to nursing practice in Ohio.

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 license renewal, they must complete 24 hours of continuing education during each 2-year license cycle.

- 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.

The importance of Rule F, which addresses clarifying and following orders, is crucial to ensuring patient safety and promoting positive patient outcomes. This rule emphasizes that an RN must question and clarify any order they believe to be incorrect, harmful, or contraindicated by other patient information. By doing this, the nurse helps prevent medication errors and inappropriate treatments that could lead to adverse patient outcomes. For instance, if an RN identifies a potentially harmful or dangerous order, they are required to consult with the prescribing doctor, document the decision, and take additional actions as needed. This rule ultimately helps to safeguard patients from receiving improper care and ensures that they are treated based on accurate, up-to-date information. One of the RN’s main roles is to advocate for patient safety and this rule falls under that.

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.