

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.**
      - RN or LPN can obtain multistate licenses if they meet certain requirements and can practice in a compact state.
      - Multistate licenses allow nurses to provide patients with more care; most states want the compact state.
      - A nurse can practice in any state with zero delays or regulatory hoops.
      - Nurse licensure compact is an agreement between states.
    2. **How can having MSL in Ohio positively impact the nursing shortage at Firelands?** The MSL can impact the nursing shortage because nurses with multistate licenses will be coming to Ohio. They would be able to expand their licensure and allow the public to have more access to healthcare.
  - 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”.** A CE involves learning specific things to enhance a nurse’s knowledge and skills. It ensures nurses stay knowledgeable about certain topics, new techniques, and so on. A Category A CE is related to the Ohio Nurse Practice Act. Whatever is being learned must be approved by the OBN.
    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 renewal, they must complete 24 contact hours of Continuing Education (CE) during each 2-year license renewal 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.**

Rule 2 states “The nurse demonstrates knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to provide the nursing care”. This rule ensures nurses are competent to provide adequate and safe care to their patients. This is particularly important because the nursing profession is constantly evolving and changing. A nurse needs skills to assess patients correctly, determine changes in patient conditions, think critically, and respond to critical situations. This rule is essential to patient safety and ensures positive patient experiences. If a nurse lacks knowledge, skills, or basic abilities then the risk of negligence, malpractice, or patient harm can occur. By continuously improving nursing skills nurses can stay up to date on new technologies and procedures. This rule reinforces the importance of ongoing education and how it is required for nurses to remain competent in their care.

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.