

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. **Once getting a MSL you can practice in any state that allows the MSL.**
      2. **The MSL makes it easier for nurses to be able to find jobs in different states and not have to worry about getting recertified**
      3. **With the MSL there are no delays in being able to continue care in other states that have the MSL**
    2. How can having MSL in Ohio positively impact the nursing shortage at Firelands?

**An MSL program in Ohio can help reduce the nursing shortage by increasing nurse availability and simplifying hiring process.**

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- 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) covers general learning to enhance skills and career growth in healthcare. Category A CE is a specific type of CE focused on the Ohio Nurse Practice Act and Board rules, requiring approval from 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? **After the initial renewal, an RN must complete 24 hours of Continuing Education (CE) every 2-year license cycle, including at least 1 hour of Category A CE on Ohio nursing laws and rules.**

- 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.

**(B) A registered nurse shall maintain current knowledge of the duties, responsibilities, and accountabilities for safe nursing practice: This rule is essential for patient safety and positive outcomes because it ensures nurses stay updated on the latest practices. Healthcare is always changing with new treatments, techniques, and protocols. By staying informed, nurses can provide safe and effective care based on current knowledge, reducing the chance of mistakes. It also helps nurses quickly recognize and respond to patient needs, improving recovery and health outcomes. Well-informed nurses also contribute to better teamwork and communication, ensuring smooth patient care. Ultimately, ongoing learning helps raise the standard of care and strengthens patient trust in the healthcare system.**

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.