Firelands Regional Medical Center School of Nursing

AMSN- 2026

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 2/26/2026 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 "OBN NLC/MSL Explainer Video 1"; 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.
            - The Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) is an agreement between states, and each state must pass legislation to join. Applies to both RNs and LPNs.
            - Nurses who meet eligibility requirements can obtain a multistate license (MSL), which allows them to practice in any compact state without having to apply for additional licenses.
            - A multistate license reduces barriers for nurses by eliminating delays, extra notification requirements, and regulatory steps. Nurses can quickly accept assignments in other states or provide telehealth services across compact states.

        2. How can having MSL in Ohio positively impact the nursing shortage at Firelands?

            Having a multistate license in Ohio could help reduce the nursing shortage at Firelands by allowing nurses from other compact states to come work in Ohio more easily. Since there are no extra licensing delays or additional regulatory requirements, nurses could start working faster. This would help fill staffing gaps more quickly. It also increases workforce flexibility because nurses can travel or relocate without needing to wait for new licensure approval. Overall, this could improve staffing levels, reduce burnout among current nurses, and improve patient care.

    e. Click on "Education & Practice" at the top of the page.
    f. Click on "Education".
    g. Click on "Continuing Education Information and Resources".
    h. Answer the following questions:

        1. In your own words, explain the difference between "CE" and "Category A CE".

CE refers to educational hours that nurses must complete to maintain their license and stay current in nursing practice. Category A CE is a specific type of continuing education that focuses on topics related to the Ohio Nurse Practice Act and rules governing nursing practice. All Category A CE hours are CE hours, but not all CE hours qualify as Category A. Category A is more specific and focuses on laws and rules that guide 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 renewal, 24 contact hours of continuing education must be completed 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.

      One rule that I believe is especially important for patient safety is Rule (E), which states that a registered nurse must implement orders unless the nurse believes the order is inaccurate, not properly authorized, not current, harmful, or contraindicated. If the nurse believes there is a problem, they must clarify the order. This rule is extremely important because it reinforces that nurses are not just "following orders" but are critical thinkers who are responsible for protecting their patients. If a nurse blindly carries out an order that is incorrect or harmful, it could lead to serious injury or even death. By requiring nurses to question and clarify unsafe or unclear orders, this rule helps prevent medication errors and other complications. It promotes accountability and encourages communication between nurses and providers. This leads to safer care and better patient outcomes because decisions are carefully reviewed instead of automatically carried out.

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.