

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/](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 “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.**

If you obtain a multi-state license, you can practice as an RN/ LPN in any NLC state. Once you have a multi-state license, you can go straight to practicing as a nurse without having to go through additional hoops to begin working. States included in the NCL can have fewer issues with staffing shortages because nurses from other states can work for them if they have a multi-state license.

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

Having a MSL in Ohio can help with the nursing shortage at Firelands by allowing for more nurses from other states to work for them, instead of being limited to nurses in Ohio.

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- 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 includes various educational topics for nurses to stay up-to-date on health care related topics, while Category A CE is more specific, requires far fewer hours, and focuses on state-specific laws.

**2. After an RN’s initial renewal, how many CE’s have to be completed during the 2-year license cycle?**

24 contact hours, with 1 hour being 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.**

“(B) A registered nurse shall maintain current knowledge of the duties, responsibilities, and accountabilities for safe nursing practice”

It is important for a nurse to maintain current knowledge of their duties, responsibilities, and accountabilities for safe nursing practice because new information is constantly being found, which in turn constantly changes what is considered “evidence-based practice”. By staying informed on the most current and evidence-based practices, we can ensure that patients are receiving care that is backed by science and has been shown to improve their overall healthcare outcomes. By practicing as a nurse with the most current information, we can also be sure to avoid continuing to use out-of-date information that could potentially be more harmful to the patient than helpful, as has been the case with various past methods of nursing.

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.**