

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.
 1. It will be easier for nurses to seek employment in another state
 2. Nurses with MSL can provide telehealth services to other states
 3. RNs and LPNs can obtain a MLS
 2. How can having MSL in Ohio positively impact the nursing shortage at Firelands?

Firelands can hire nurses from other states faster when they have a MLS because they won't have to obtain an Ohio specific license before they can start working. This would also allow Firelands to recruit nurses from other states. Firelands could utilize travel nurses without extra paperwork to fill in the gaps when staff is short or in the event of a disaster crisis or emergency. With technology, telehealth visits are becoming more commonly used. Firelands could hire MLS nurses to provide services to our local community.

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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 is the general term for continuing education whereas “Category A CE” refers to continuing education specific to laws of the Ohio Nurse Practice Act and administrative rules. CE hours are obtained by continuing education on topics including but not limited to Addiction, telehealth, mental health, HIPAA, and Caring for our Aging Population.
 2. After an RN's initial renewal, how many CE's have to be completed during the 2-year license cycle?

RNs must obtain 24 hours of CE and at least 1 of those 24 hours must be Category A CE.

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- 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 E: Following this rule the nurse is advocating for the patient and the patient’s safety. Implementing an order in a timely manner and clarifying any order that doesn’t seem safe or accurate for the patient is critical for patient safety and positive patient outcomes. The RN is the primary caregiver that is at the bedside providing continuous monitoring of the patient. The patient is only seen by the physician once a day for just a few minutes. The patient’s condition could have changed since the physician saw the patient making the order contraindicated for the patient. The nurse has the legal and ethical responsibility to verify the order with the physician to ensure that the patient is safe. This rule prevents potential medication errors from inaccurate orders such as the physician writing the incorrect dosage on a medication order, prescribing a medication that the patient has an allergy to, or a medication interacts with another medication the patient is taking. An example from my clinical experience this past week was that a physician ordered a fluid bolus in addition to the continuous fluids the patient was receiving, on a patient that already had horrible lung sounds from fluid on his lungs. The nurse I was working with used her clinical judgment to not give the bolus.

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.