

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 is an agreement between states for RN’s and LPNs to work in multiple states. Nurses in states participating in the NLC can obtain their multistate license to work in multiple states without other requirements. A nurse can then readily take an assignment in any state in the NLC to practice.
 - There are 43 jurisdictions that have enacted the NCL, most of which include states in the United States of America. The state of Ohio is included in the Nurse Licensure Compact, allowing nurses with their multistate license to practice without delay. It helps to reduce barriers for nurses and expand their professional licensure.
 - The Nurse Licensure Compact is very well supported by nurses and shows that 98% of nurses in jurisdictions participating would like to obtain their multistate licensure. It provides many benefits for the nurses. It also helps provide quality healthcare for the public.

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

Having MSL in Ohio positively impacts the nursing shortage at Firelands because any other nurse with their MSL can come practice at the hospital without any delay or other requirements. It allows for the hospital to quickly hire new nurses to practice at the hospital without having to obtain a separate Ohio licensure for nursing. Also, they can hire travel nurses from other states with their MSL to practice without delay in hire. It can help reduce the nursing shortage.

- 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”.

Continuing education (CE) in nursing refers to the education nurses obtain to keep up with their licensure and improve their knowledge on new or further procedures and practices. Any continuing education could be provided at the place of employment for the nurse or through online courses. A total of 24 contact hours is required for licensure renewal during a two-year licensure cycle. The difference is

that Category A CE are continuing education courses that must be approved by the Board of Nursing. It can not just be any continuing education for nurses, it must be specifically approved by that state's board of nursing. This requirement includes at least 1 of the 24 contact hours being Category A.

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

After the RN's initial renewal, 24 contact hours of CE must be completed during the 2 year licensure 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.

I chose rule B, which is "A registered nurse shall maintain current knowledge of the duties, responsibilities, and accountabilities for safe nursing practice". This is important to patient safety and positive patient outcomes to ensure patients receive excellent, up-to-date, safe nursing care. The nurse needs to maintain their licensure and keep up with current evidenced based practice procedures to increase patient outcomes. Patient outcomes will increase, and patient satisfaction will be increased with proper EBP procedures. The nurse is responsible for continuing education and practicing the correct up-to-date policies and procedures put in place at their facility. If the nurse does not keep up with current practices, it could alter the patient's treatment and put them at risk for complications. The nurse should understand that they are accountable for protecting their patients and knowing their role to practice safe nursing skills. They should understand their scope of practice. Overall, this rule will help increase patient outcomes, reduce the risk of error, and increase patient satisfaction.

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.