

Firelands Regional Medical Center School of Nursing

AMSN- 2026

Unit 5: Zerwekh- 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.
      - The Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) allows a nurse to hold one multistate license (MSL) that is valid in all compact states. This makes it easier for nurses to practice across state lines without applying for separate licenses.
      - To qualify for an MSL, a nurse must meet specific requirements, including living in a compact state, passing a background check, and holding an unencumbered license.
      - The NLC supports mobility, telehealth practice, and rapid response during emergencies, helping states share nursing resources when needed.
    2. How can having MSL in Ohio positively impact the nursing shortage at Firelands?

Having MSL in Ohio can help Firelands by expanding the pool of nurses who are legally able to work here. Nurses from other compact states can begin working immediately without waiting for an Ohio-specific license, which speeds up hiring and reduces staffing gaps. This flexibility can help cover high-census days, specialty areas, and unexpected call-offs. It also supports travel nurses and agency nurses who can come in quickly when the hospital is short-staffed. Overall, MSL increases access to qualified nurses and helps improve patient care during shortages.

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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”.

Continuing Education (CE) includes any approved learning activity that helps nurses maintain professional knowledge and stay current in practice. Category A CE is a specific type of CE required by the Ohio Board of Nursing that focuses on Ohio nursing law and rules, including the Nurse Practice Act. Category

A must be completed through an OBN-approved provider and counts toward the legal-standards requirement for renewal.

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

After the first renewal, Ohio RNs must complete 24 contact hours of CE every two years. At least 1 hour must be Category A.

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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.

**Selected Rule: (E) Implementing and clarifying orders**

Rule 4723-4-03(E) is important because it requires nurses to follow patient orders only when they are safe, accurate, and appropriate, and to clarify anything that seems incorrect or harmful. This rule protects patients by making sure nurses do not blindly follow orders without thinking critically. If a medication dose looks too high, if an order is missing important information, or if the treatment does not match the patient's condition, the nurse must stop and verify it with the provider. This prevents medication errors, allergic reactions, and unsafe procedures. It also supports teamwork and communication, which are essential for safe care. By requiring nurses to question unclear or unsafe orders, this rule helps ensure positive patient outcomes, reduces preventable harm, and reinforces the nurse's role as a patient advocate.

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.