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**Admission to a licensure examination for a foreign educated nurse graduate.**

(A) Prior to taking the licensure examination, a foreign educated nurse graduate, as defined in paragraph ~~(J)~~(I) of rule 4723-3-01 of the Administrative Code, applying for licensure by examination in Ohio shall:

(1) Have completed:

(a) For a registered nurse applicant, a professional nursing education program, which exhibits a curriculum pattern substantially similar to that which is set forth in paragraph (C) of rule 4723-5-13 of the Administrative Code; or

(b) For a practical nurse applicant, a practical nursing education program, which exhibits a curriculum pattern substantially similar to that which is set forth in paragraph (C) of rule 4723-5-14 of the Administrative Code.

(2) Present evidence of having completed the nursing education program required by paragraph (A)(1) of this rule by requesting a "Full Education Course-By-Course Report" performed by the "Credentialing Evaluation Service" of the "Commission of Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools" (CGFNS) be sent directly to the board by the "Commission of Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools", or designee of that entity.

(3) Present evidence of having met all requirements established by CGFNS for the United States visa screen or present evidence of having a working knowledge of English by requesting a valid score report sent directly to the board by the entity administering the "Test of Spoken English" (TSE), or designee of that entity, which indicates a score of at least forty-five. A foreign educated nurse graduate whose native language is English and who graduated from a college, university, or professional training school located in Australia, Canada (except Quebec), Ireland, New Zealand, or the United Kingdom shall not be required to present the evidence required by this paragraph.

(4) Submit a completed application in the form specified by the board.

(5) In accordance with section 4723.09 of the Revised Code, submit to a criminal records check completed by the bureau of criminal identification and investigation, in the form specified by the board. The results of the criminal records check shall:

- (a) Be received by the board before a license may be issued; and
  - (b) Indicate that the individual has not been convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or had a judicial finding of guilt for any violation set forth in section 4723.09 of the Revised Code.
- (6) Submit a licensure application fee to the board, in the form as specified by the board, in accordance with section 4723.08 of the Revised Code for each examination to be taken; and
- (7) File a completed registration form with fee as required directly with the organization providing the examination in accordance with section 4723.10 of the Revised Code for each administration of the examination to be taken.
- (B) Upon receipt of the "full Education Course-By-Course Report" sent directly to the board by the "Commission of Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools", or designee of that entity, the board shall determine if the curriculum of the nursing education program which the applicant completed is substantially similar to paragraph (C) of rule 4723-5-13 of the Administrative Code for a foreign nurse graduate seeking admission to a professional nursing licensure examination or paragraph (C) of rule 4723-5-14 of the Administrative Code for a foreign nurse graduate seeking admission to a practical nursing licensure examination. If the curriculum is not substantially similar, the board may condition the applicant's admission to the licensure examination on the applicant's successful completion of the component of the curriculum identified by the board as the area of curriculum deficiency.
- (C) The board may propose to deny admission to the licensure examination pursuant to an adjudication under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. Based on the results of the adjudication, the board may grant admission to the licensure examination, deny admission to the licensure examination, or condition admission to the licensure examination based on the applicant's successful correction of the area of deficiency identified by the board.
- (D) The board shall cause eligible applicants for the licensure examination to receive an authorization to test document from the testing service which allows them to contact the test administration service to schedule an examination appointment. This authorization is valid for one year from the date the applicant is determined eligible for the examination.
- (E) A foreign nurse graduate, as defined in paragraph ~~(J)~~(I) of rule 4723-3-01 of the Administrative Code, applying for licensure by examination in Ohio, who because of a disability has special needs in taking the examination:

- (1) Shall notify the board in writing of the disability, provide the board with documentation that substantiates the disability, and request specific accommodations to the examination materials or procedures;
  - (2) May be granted accommodations to the examination procedures only in accordance with the national council of state boards of nursing procedure and if approved by the board and the national council of state boards of nursing; and
  - (3) May be granted accommodations upon request on subsequent examinations only if identical accommodations were granted prior to the initial examination taken by such repeat applicant.
- (F) Action upon the examination results shall be issued in accordance with rule 4723-7-05 of the Administrative Code.

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