

4723-7-04**Requirements for licensure for foreign educated nurse graduates.**

(A) For each foreign educated nurse graduate applying for licensure by examination, in addition to the requirements in rule 4723-7-02 of the Administrative Code, the board shall have received the following:

(1) A comprehensive nursing education program evaluation from the credentialing evaluation service of the commission of graduates of foreign nursing schools that provides an analysis to the board regarding whether the applicant's education program has educational content and requirements that are substantially similar to a registered nursing education program set forth in rule 4723-5-13 of the Administrative Code if the applicant is applying for licensure by examination as a registered nurse, or a practical nursing education program set forth in rule 4723-5-14 of the Administrative Code if the applicant is applying for licensure by examination as a practical nurse;

(2) Evidence of obtaining a minimum passing score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL™) except that a foreign educated nurse graduate whose native language is English and who graduated from a college, university, or professional education program located in Australia, Ireland, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, or parts of Canada other than Quebec, need not comply with this requirement.

(B) Upon receipt of the education program evaluation required by paragraph (A)(1) of this rule, the board shall determine whether the educational content and requirements of the nursing education program completed by the foreign educated nurse graduate are substantially similar to those for nursing education programs set forth in Chapter 4723-5 of the Administrative Code.

(C) If the board determines that the educational content and requirements of a foreign graduate's nursing education program are not substantially similar to those for nursing education programs set forth in Chapter 4723-5 of the Administrative Code, the board may condition the applicant's eligibility to take the examination on successful completion of a program or course of study identified by the board as necessary to address any deficiency.

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