

Nevada State Board of NURSING

Requirements for International Graduates

1. CGFNS-CES Professional Report, IERF-Nursing Licensure Evaluation or Josef Silny & Associates, Inc., International Education Consultants-Report of Evaluation of Education Credentials

All graduates of international nursing schools that must have their professional credentials (nursing education) evaluated may complete this process through the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) by requesting a *CES Professional Report*, International Education Research Foundation (IERF) *Nursing Licensure Evaluation Report* or Josef Silny & Associates, Inc., International Education Consultants- *Evaluation of Foreign Education Credentials for Boards of Nursing Report*. Official results must be sent directly to: Nevada State Board of Nursing, 4220 S. Maryland Pkwy., #B300, Las Vegas, NV 89109-7533.

Contact information for CGFNS

Address 3600 Market Street, Suite 400, Philadelphia, PA 19104-2651, USA
Telephone (215) 349-8767
Email info@cgfns.org
Website www.cgfns.org

Contact information for Josef Silny & Associates, Inc., International Education Consultants

Address 7101 SW 102 Avenue, Miami, FL 33173
Telephone (305) 273-1616
Email info@jsilny.org
Website www.jsilny.org
Application <https://www.jsilny.org/pdf/nursing.pdf>

Contact information for IERF*

Address P.O. Box 3665, Culver City, CA 90231
Telephone (310) 258-9451
Email info@ierf.org
Website www.ierf.org

* Effective August 2021, IERF will no longer be accepting new applications; however, the Board will continue to accept valid reports from IERF.

2. Validation of English Language Proficiency

If you have graduated from a nursing program in a country or territory where the principle/primary language is English, i.e. Australia, United Kingdom, New Zealand, Canada (except Quebec), Ireland, Trinidad, Tobago, South Africa, Ghana, Jamaica, Barbados, or United States/territory, you are **NOT** required to validate your English language proficiency skills to obtain a license in Nevada.

If the principal/primary language of the country where you completed your nursing program is a language other than English, you are required to take and pass an English exam from TOEFL or Pearson Test of English. **You are required to complete an English proficiency exam regardless of your country of citizenship, language of instruction, or green card status*.**

The Internet –based (IBT) TOEFL

- The minimum passing TOEFL score is 84 with a 26 in spoken English.
- For TOEFL testing information please email TOEFL@ets.org or visit their website at www.toefl.org.
- Official test results must be sent to the Nevada State Board of Nursing, 4220 S. Maryland Pkwy., #B300, Las Vegas, NV 89119-7533 directly from TOEFL.

Pearson Test of English Academic

- The minimum passing score is 55 overall and no individual section below 50.
- For Pearson Test of English testing information visit their website at www.pearsonpte.com/testme/pages/testcenters.aspx.
- You must provide your Score Report Code or Registration ID for the Board to obtain your official results from PTE. To provide this information please send a message to the Board through your Nevada Nurse Portal Account and include your Score Report Code or Registration ID and the date of your examination.

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All exam candidates must take and pass an English exam from a provider above prior to testing. If you are an endorsement candidate that has been licensed in the US for more than five years you are not required to pass an English exam.

For your quick reference, below is a list of the steps international exam graduates should follow. Complete instructions can be found in the Nevada Nurse Portal or on our website under the “forms” tab.

1. Create your Nevada Nurse Portal account.
2. Apply for the *CGFNS-CES Professional Report*, *IERF-Nursing Licensure Evaluation Report*, or Josef Silny & Associates, Inc., *International Education Consultants- Evaluation of Foreign Education Credentials for Boards of Nursing Report*.
3. Apply for validation of English language proficiency.
4. Complete and submit the application for RN/LPN licensure by exam.
5. Complete and submit fingerprint cards.
6. After receipt of the *CGFNS-CES Professional Report*, *IERF-Nursing Licensure Evaluation Report*, or Josef Silny & Associates, Inc., *International Education Consultants- Evaluation of Foreign Education Credentials for Boards of Nursing Report*, and the English language proficiency, apply to take the NCLEX.

Exam candidates: You will not receive your Authorization to Test (ATT) until the Board has approved your *CGFNS-CES Professional Report*, *IERF-Nursing Licensure Evaluation Report*, or Josef Silny & Associates, Inc., *International Education Consultants-Evaluation of Foreign Education Credentials for Boards of Nursing Report* and received proof that you have successfully passed an English Proficiency exam.