

Nevada State Board of NURSING

Credential (Education) Evaluations and English Examination Requirements for International Graduates

1. TruMerit (CGFNS) CES Professional Report, or Josef Silny & Associates-Report of Evaluation of Education Credentials

All graduates of international nursing schools applying for licensure by examination must have their professional credentials (nursing education) evaluated and may complete this process through the TruMerit (CGFNS) by requesting a *CES Professional Report* or Josef and Silny *Report of Evaluation of Educational Credentials*. Official results must be sent directly to: Nevada State Board of Nursing, 5820 S. Eastern Ave., Ste 200, Las Vegas, NV 89119.

Applicants applying for licensure by endorsement must submit a copy of official transcripts, in English, which must indicate a nursing degree and graduation date. You must include a copy of the related learning experience (RLE) report, if applicable. (The Board will notify you if you will also be required to complete the TruMerit (CGFNS) CES Professional Report or Josef Silny and Associates, Inc., International Education Consultants evaluation for the state of Nevada).

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1. Validation of English Language Proficiency

If you are an examination applicant and graduated from a nursing program in 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; however, if you graduated from a nursing program in a country not listed above you must take and pass an English exam from TOEFL, Pearson Test of English or International English Language Testing System. **You are required to complete an English proficiency exam regardless of your country of citizenship, language of instruction, or green card status.**

If you are an endorsement applicant, you are required to take and pass an English exam if you graduated from a country not listed above and have been licensed in the US for less than five years. If you have been licensed in the US for more than five years you are **NOT** required to take and pass an English examination for Nevada licensure.

TOEFL iBT

- 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, 5820 S. Eastern Ave., Ste 200, Las Vegas, NV 89119 directly from TOEFL.

Pearson Test of English Academic

- The minimum passing score is 56 overall and a minimum speaking score of 63.
- 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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International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Academic

- The minimum pass score is 6.5 overall with a minimum of 6.0 in any one module.
- For IELTS testing information visit their website at <https://www.ielts.org/en-us/>.
- Official results will be sent to the Nevada State Board of Nursing directly from IELTS.

Exam candidates: You will not receive your Authorization to Test (ATT) until the Board has approved your TruMerit (CGFNS) *CES Professional Report* or Josef Silny & Associates-*Report of Evaluation of Educational Credentials* and received proof that you have successfully passed an English Proficiency 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 TruMerit (CGFNS) *CES Professional Report* or Josef Silny & Associates- *Report of Evaluation of Education Credentials*
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 card.
6. After receipt of the TruMerit (CGFNS) *CES Professional Report* or Josef Silny & Associates-*Report of Evaluation of Educational Credentials* and the English language proficiency, apply to take the NCLEX.
7. All applicants must have a valid social security number or individual taxpayer ID number to qualify for licensure in Nevada.

All exam candidates must take and pass an English exam from a provider above prior to testing. All endorsement candidates that have been licensed in the US for less than five years must take and pass an English exam from a provider above or provide documentation of successful completion of an English proficiency exam accepted by another US board of nursing that was used to obtain a license in that state before a permanent license can be issued.