

North Dakota Board of Nursing

Requirements for Internationally Educated Nurses to hold a Multistate License

If the documents explained below are not submitted with your application for license by endorsement, your ND license will be issued as a single state license. A single state license allows you to practice in the state of ND but **does not** allow you to practice in other compact states.

The Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) has specific uniform licensure requirements (ULR) for licensees to obtain a multistate license.

The first requirement: ND must be your primary state of residence (your declared fixed permanent and principal home for legal purposes).

Internationally educated nurses are also required to submit the following additional documentation:

NOTE: All documents must be sent to the Board directly from the agency verifying credentials. Documents submitted by nurses will not be accepted.

You must obtain an official credentials evaluation report or foreign credentials evaluation service (CES) and have it sent from one of the approved agencies listed below. **NOTE: The CES report must specify language of instruction if your program was taught in English.**

- a) If you are graduate of a program that was not taught in English, or English is not your native language, you must submit official verification of passing an English proficiency examination that includes the components of reading, speaking, writing, and licensing. An active Visa4Nurses or VisaScreen Certificate will fulfill the requirements for English language proficiency.

Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) www.cgfns.org Phone: 215-222-8454	Foundation for International Services, Inc (FIS) www.fis-web.com Phone: 425-248-2255
Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc (ECE) www.ece.org Phone: 414-289-3400	Josef Silny & Associates, Inc. www.jsilny.org Phone: 305-273-1616
Education Records Evaluation Service (ERES) www.eres.com Phone: 707-759-2866	World Education Services (WES) www.wes.org Phone: 212-966-6311

Please e-mail questions regarding the NLC requirements for the internationally educated nurse to practice@ndbon.org.