

Board of Nursing

INSTRUCTIONS FOR INTERNATIONALLY EDUCATED NURSES

Complete the instructions below in the order listed.

1. Contact CGFNS – www.cgfns.org to request a “Credential Evaluation Report”. Be sure to provide licensure information if you were licensed as a nurse in your home country.
2. If your nursing education was not provided in English, you must take either test listed below for English Language Literacy and submit the results with application:
 - TOEFL iBT – Required Scores – 84 overall and 23 Speaking
 - IELTS – Required Scores – 6.5 overall band score and 7.0 score in Spoken Band
3. If you are not living in the US, you must obtain a national criminal background check from your country. It is sometimes called a national police check. Include the original report with your application.
4. Apply to DC Board of Nursing for “Licensure by Examination” if required, submit TOEFL or IELTS results with the application. You may apply online by going to this website and following the instructions: <https://doh.force.com/dchealthrenewals/s/licenseapplications>
5. If you do not have a Social Security Number, you must follow the instructions when applying online.
6. You must also agree to the criminal background check question when completing the online application.
7. Register and pay for the NCLEX exam – www.pearsonvue.com/nclex
8. Receive authorization to test (ATT) from Pearson Vue.
9. Schedule and take the NCLEX.
10. Receive results from Board of Nursing, if passed, and CBC ok, you will be licensed.

Resources for English as Second Language Courses

University of District of Columbia for ESL course:

801 North Capitol Street NE
Washington, DC 20002
202-274-5800

Carlos Rosario International Public Charter School
514 V Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002
202 797-4700