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Approved Independent Services for Credential Evaluations & Language Proficiency Examinations

The following is a list of Oregon State Board of Nursing (OSBN) -approved credential evaluation agencies and language proficiency examination entities who independently provide education equivalency and language proficiency evaluations for nurses who have completed their qualifying education outside of the United States. Please contact the individual agency for information related to details such as, but not limited to: cost, documentation, or timeframe of evaluation validity.

Approved Credential Equivalency Evaluation Agencies

1. Commission on the Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS)

3600 Market St Ste 400
Philadelphia PA 19104
Phone: 215-222-8454
Website: <http://www.cgfns.org/>

- OSBN accepts Credentials Evaluation Service (CES) Healthcare Profession & Science reports, a CGFNS certificate, or a VisaScreen certificate completed by CGFNS for meeting education equivalency requirements for Oregon licensure.
- Evaluations of equivalent qualifying nurse education completed prior to applying for Oregon nursing licensure may be accepted by OSBN if they are still considered valid by CGFNS.
- **All credential evaluations must be received directly from CGFNS to ensure primary source verification-** a copy of an evaluation received directly from the applicant will not be accepted towards the application requirement.
- **Contact CGFNS directly to have a credential evaluation completed, or to request an existing evaluation of qualifying education be sent directly to OSBN.**
- A CGFNS certificate or VisaScreen certificate meets OSBN requirements for English language proficiency in addition to the credentials equivalency.

2. Educational Records Evaluation Service (ERES)

601 University Ave Ste 127
Sacramento CA 95825
Phone: 916-921-0790 or 866-411-3737
Website: www.eres.com

- Evaluations of equivalent qualifying nurse education completed prior to applying for Oregon nursing licensure may be accepted by OSBN if they are still considered valid by ERES.
- **All credential evaluations must be received directly from ERES to ensure primary source verification-** a copy of an evaluation received directly from the applicant will not be accepted towards the application requirement.
- **Contact ERES directly to have a credential evaluation completed, or to request an existing evaluation of qualifying education be sent directly to OSBN.**

3. International Education Research Foundation (IERF)

PO Box 3665
Culver City CA 90231
Phone: 310-258-9451
Website: <http://ierf.org>

- Evaluations of equivalent qualifying nurse education completed prior to applying for Oregon nursing licensure may be accepted by OSBN if they are still considered valid by IERF.
- **All credential evaluations must be received directly from IERF to ensure primary source verification-** a copy of an evaluation received directly from the applicant will not be accepted towards the application requirement.
- **Contact IERF directly to have a credential evaluation completed, or to request an existing evaluation of qualifying education be sent directly to OSBN.**

OSBN-Approved Language Proficiency Examinations

A language proficiency examination may be required by OSBN when applying for LPN/RN Licensure by Examination if they completed an education program outside of the United States where textbooks and academic instruction were predominantly in a language other than English.

The following three examinations are approved by OSBN to meet the requirement for licensure, upon receipt of proof of successful test results from the evaluation service. **OSBN will accept passing examination results from any of the three entities listed below for an examination taken within two years from the date of application for licensure.** For more information regarding English language proficiency requirements, see the Oregon Nurse Practice Act; Division 31 *Standards for Licensure of Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses*; Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 851-031-0006(f).

1. **International English Language Testing System (IELTS)**

100 E Corson St Ste 200

Pasadena CA 91103

Phone: 626-564-2954

Website: <http://www.ielts.org>

- Academic Module examination type accepted. General Training version does not meet requirement.

2. **Education Testing Service (ETS) Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)**

PO Box 6151

Princeton NJ 08541

Phone: 1-800-468-6335

Website: <http://www.ets.org/toefl/>

- Widely accepted English language tests for admissions and in-class use
- Internet-based Test (iBT) and paper-based (PBT) examination testing formats

3. **Education Testing Service (ETS) Test of English for International Communication (TOEIC)**

Rosedale Rd

Princeton NJ 08541

Phone: 1-609-771-7170

Website: <http://www.ets.org/toeic/>

- Global standard for assessing workforce English proficiency
- Designed specifically to measure the everyday English skills of people working in an international environment.
- Paper-based examination testing format