PLEASE NOTE: The Department does not review a foreign credential evaluation report prior to application. You must apply with the Department first. If you have never been licensed in the U.S., you must apply by examination method. If you are licensed in the U.S., apply by endorsement method. Apply online at: State of Illinois | Department of Financial & Professional Regulation under RN & LPN Applications.

REQUIREMENTS FOR AN INTERNATIONALLY EDUCATED NURSE:
For more information go to: Rules for the Administration of The Nurse Practice Act: Section 1300.300 Application for Examination or Licensure 4) A) http://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/068/068013000C03000R.html
PROOF OF PASSAGE OF THE NATIONAL LICENSING EXAMINATION:
• NCLEX - National Council Licensure Exam The "National Council Licensure Exam" (NCLEX) state board application can be obtained by going to the IDFPR website at http://continentaltestinginc.com/ . The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) Help Line: 1 800 560 6420.

PROOF OF EDUCATION EQUIVALENCY	**CHOOSE ONE :**	
• A Credential Evaluation Service Report. Proof of passing either the TOEFL, IELTS, MET if your program was not taught in English.	• An Original CGFNS VisaScreen Certificate or JS&A Visa4Nurses Certificate	• An Original CGFNS Certificate

THE CES REPORT AND THE TOEFL / IELTS APPLIES TO ALL INTERNATIONALLY EDUCATED NURSES INCLUDING U.S. CITIZENS AND VISA HOLDERS.

BECAUSE TRANSCRIPTS MAY BE HARD TO OBTAIN, WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU GET YOUR CES REPORT PRIOR TO APPLYLING FOR THE NCLEX.

CES "Credential Evaluation Service" Report		
CHOOSE A VENDOR : The report must be obtained through one of the following credentialing service vendors. When complete the Department (IDFPR) will download the CES Report from the respective vendor's website.		
Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) 3600 Market Street, Suite 400 Philadelphia, PA 19104-2651	Phone: 215.349.8767 Fax: 215.662.0452 Email: support@cgfns.org Web Site: http://www.cgfns.org	**Request:** • The Professional Report
Education Records Evaluation Service, Inc. 601 University Avenue, Suite 127 Sacramento, CA 95825	Phone: 916.921.0790 Fax: 916.921.0793 Email: edu@eres.com Web Site: http://www.eres.com	**Request:** • The Nursing Evaluation and Course by Course Report
Josef Silny & Associates, Inc. **International Education Consultants** 7101 SW 102 Avenue Miami, FL 33173	Phone: 305.273.1616 Fax: 305.273.1338 Email: info@jsilny.org Web Site: www.jsilny.org	**Request:** • Foreign Credential Evaluation for Boards of Nursing
The Evaluation Company 2400 Augusta Drive, Suite 451, Houston, TX 77057	Phone: 713.266.8805 Fax: 713.789.6022 Email: docs@evalcompany.com Web Site: www.evalcompany.com	**Request** • Nursing Course Analysis
International Education Evaluations LLC (IEE) 7900 Mattews-Mint Hill Rd, Sutie 1A Charlotte, NC 28277	Phone: 704-772-0109 Website Link: https://myiee.org/university/illinois-board-of-nursing Email: The myiee.org website provides a 24/7 live-person chat feature.	**Request** • Credential Evaluation Report

THE CES REPORT IS VALID FOR THE LIFE OF THE APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE OR THREE YEARS AT THE LONGEST

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Language - If the applicant's program of instruction was not taught in English:		
CHOOSE A VENDOR : Certification of passing an English Exam must be obtained through one of the following credentialing service vendors below. **Results should be sent by the vendor directly to:** IDFPR, 320 W. Washington St. 3rd FL., Springfield IL 62786 Attn: Nursing Unit		
Test of English as a Foreign Language (**TOEFL**)	Web Site: http://www.ets.org/toefl/	The minimum passing score: • Paper-based 560 • Computer-based 220 • Internet-based 83
The International English Language Testing System (**IELTS**) Academic Module	Web Site: http://www.ielts.org/	The minimum passing score: • 6.5 (overall score) • 7.0 (spoken band)

**** TOEFL / IELTS may be waived by IDFPR if your CES report indicates your nursing education program was conducted in English utilizing English Textbooks.**

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Fingerprints / Back-ground Checks
Individuals applying for licensure for professions that require fingerprints must submit to a criminal back-ground check and provide evidence of fingerprint processing from a fingerprint vendor licensed by the Department. Fingerprints must be taken within 60 days from the date that the application is submitted to the Department or the Department's testing vendor. For more information see attached forms: • IDENTITY VERIFICATION CERTIFYING STATEMENT / OOS-FP • CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK INFORMATION

Social Security Number
APPLICANTS who state they cannot obtain a social security number must complete the attached affidavit form: • AFFIDAVIT SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

Endorsement
Endorsing an active license from another state / requirements: • Application by Endorsement : Go to https://www.idfpr.com/profs/Nursing.asp under License Information > RN & LPN Applications Choose One: • CES Report, from one of the following: CGFNS, ERES, Josef Silny, The Evaluation Company, or IEE • CGFNS Certificate • CGFNS Visa Screen Certificate • JS&A Visa4Nurses Certificate An English test is not required as long as you took and passed the NCLEX Exam.

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