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## Oregon State Board of Nursing Approved Independent Services for Credential Evaluations & Language Proficiency Exams

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 nursing education outside of the United States. **Contact the individual agency directly for additional information.**

### 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/>

- **Qualifying Report Type:** OSBN accepts a *Credentials Evaluation Service (CES) Professional Report*® prepared by CGFNS as a qualifying evaluation of international education. All other reports offered by CGFNS do not meet the requirement for nursing licensure and are not accepted by OSBN.
- Evaluations completed prior to applying for Oregon nursing licensure may be accepted by OSBN as long as it was the original report that established educational equivalency for initial licensure in the U.S.

#### 2. Educational Records Evaluation Service (ERES)

4773 Mangels Blvd  
Fairfield, CA 94534  
Phone 707-759-2866

Website: [www.eres.com](http://www.eres.com)

- Evaluations completed prior to applying for Oregon nursing licensure may be accepted by OSBN as long as it was the original report that established educational equivalency for initial licensure in the U.S.

#### 3. Educational Perspectives

PO Box A3462  
Chicago IL 60690  
Phone: 312-421-9300

Website: <https://www.edperspectives.org/>

- **Qualifying Report Type:** OSBN accepts a *Course-by-Course Evaluation* report prepared by Educational Perspectives as a qualifying evaluation of international education.
- Evaluations completed prior to applying for Oregon nursing licensure may be accepted by OSBN as long as it was the original report that established educational equivalency for initial licensure in the U.S.

#### 4. Josef Silny & Associates, Inc., International Education Consultants

7101 SW 102<sup>nd</sup> Ave  
Miami FL 33173  
Phone: 305-273-1616

Website: [www.jsilny.org](http://www.jsilny.org)

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## **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(2)(d).

### **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.
- Overall score of 6.5 or better with a minimum of 6.0 in all modules.

### **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)
- A score of 83 or better

### **3. Occupational English Test (OET)**

PO Box 16136

Collins St West

VIC 8007

Australia

Website: <https://www.occupationalenglishtest.org/>

- Global standard for assessing workforce English proficiency
- Designed specifically to measure the everyday English skills of healthcare professionals who seek to practice in an English speaking environment.
- Must be taken within two years of application submission.
- Minimum of grade "B" required for speaking (test score of at least 350), and minimum of grade "C" for reading, writing, and listening (test score of at least 300).