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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) Full Healthcare Profession & Science 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 if they are still considered valid by CGFNS.
- **Primary Source Documentation:** All credential evaluations must be received directly from CGFNS to ensure authenticity. A copy of an evaluation received directly from the applicant will not be accepted.
- **Other CGFNS Reports:** A valid CGFNS or VisaScreen certificate may be accepted for proof of English language proficiency, but not for the evaluation of international nursing education and its equivalency to U.S. standards.

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 completed prior to applying for Oregon nursing licensure may be accepted by OSBN if they are still considered valid by ERES.
- **Primary Source Documentation:** All credential evaluations must be received directly from ERES to ensure authenticity. A copy of an evaluation received directly from the applicant will not be accepted.

3. International Education Research Foundation (IERF)

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

- Evaluations completed prior to applying for Oregon nursing licensure may be accepted by OSBN if they are still considered valid by IERF.
- **Primary Source Documentation:** All credential evaluations must be received directly from IERF to ensure authenticity. A copy of an evaluation received directly from the applicant will not be accepted.

4. Educational Perspectives

PO Box A3462
Chicago IL 60690
Phone: 312-421-9300
Website: <https://www.edperspective.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 if they are still considered valid by Educational Perspectives.
- **Primary Source Documentation:** All credential evaluations must be received directly from Educational Perspectives to ensure authenticity. A copy of an evaluation received directly from the applicant will not be accepted.

5. Josef Silny & Associates, Inc., International Education Consultants

7101 SW 102nd Ave
Miami FL 33173
Phone: 305-273-1616
Website: www.jsilny.org

- Evaluations completed prior to applying for Oregon nursing licensure may be accepted by OSBN if they are still considered valid by Josef Silny & Associates, Inc.
- **Primary Source Documentation:** All credential evaluations must be received directly from Josef Silny & Associates, Inc., International Education Consultants to ensure authenticity. A copy of an evaluation received directly from the applicant will not be accepted.

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(3)(e).

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