



## Foreign Nursing Program Graduates Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

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<p><b>What do I have to do to get a nursing license in Alabama if I attended a Foreign Nursing Program?</b></p>	<p>You must meet the same requirements as all other applicants, in addition to requirements specific to graduates of Foreign Nursing Programs.</p>
<p><b>What are the basic requirements of all other applicants?</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. You must be a high school graduate, or equivalent.</li> <li>2. You must have a valid Social Security Number (SSN).</li> <li>3. You must be a citizen or legal US resident. <i>See the <a href="#">Citizenship/Legal Presence FAQs</a> for further information.</i></li> <li>4. You must demonstrate good moral character.</li> <li>5. You must have <b>graduated</b> from a nursing program (RN or PN) which <i>substantially meets the same educational criteria</i> as Alabama nursing programs.</li> <li>6. You must submit a <b>complete</b> application. <i>For information about what is required on the application, see the <a href="#">Exam to Licensure: General Frequently Asked Questions</a> &amp; <a href="#">Exam to Licensure: Application Frequently Asked Questions</a>.</i></li> </ol>
<p><b>What do I have to do if I want to apply for Licensure by <u>Exam</u> if I am a graduate of a Foreign Nursing Program?</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. You must complete the following two items <b>prior</b> to submitting an Application for Licensure by Examination:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) <a href="#">Certification Program (CP)</a>.</b> The CP includes the CGFNS Qualifying Exam and demonstration of passing one of the accepted English language proficiency exams.</li> <li>b. <b>Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) <a href="#">Credentials Evaluation Service (CES) Professional Report</a>.</b> The CES Professional Report includes a detailed analysis of credentials earned at multiple levels of nursing education received outside of the U.S. according to a specific state's requirements.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Be a graduate of a nursing education program approved by the proper authorities in the country where the program is located.</li> <li>3. Meet the requirements for nursing program content employed as criteria for approval in Alabama at the time of the applicant's graduation.</li> <li>4. Make up any educational deficiencies.</li> </ol>

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<p><b>What do I have to do if I am applying for Licensure by <u>Endorsement</u> if I am a graduate of a Foreign Nursing Program?</b></p>	<p>5. Pass the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX).</p> <p>1. You must submit a <b>Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) <a href="#">Credentials Evaluation Service (CES) Professional Report</a></b>.</p> <p>a. The CES Professional Report includes the following: a detailed analysis of credentials earned at multiple levels of nursing education received outside of the U.S. according to a specific state's requirements.</p> <p>i. The CES Professional Report is <i>not</i> a substitute for the CGFNS Certification Program, which is typically completed prior to receiving the first U.S. state nursing license.</p> <p>b. Be a graduate of a nursing education program approved by the proper authorities in the country where the program is located.</p> <p>2. Meet the requirements for nursing program content employed as criteria for approval in Alabama at the time of the applicant's graduation.</p> <p>3. Make up any educational deficiencies.</p> <p>4. Pass the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX®) if you have not already done so.</p>
<p><b>Do I really have to do all of this if I have already been licensed in another state in the US?</b></p>	<p>Yes. You must meet all of the requirements for licensure in Alabama in order to be issued an Alabama nursing license.</p>
<p><b>May I submit a report completed by another entity that is not CGFNS?</b></p>	<p>No.</p>