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Welcome to all. The previous issue of our News Letter had an article on “Requirements to Become a Registered Nurse in U.S.A: 1. CGFNS”. Now the next article is on “2. NCLEX-RN”

2. NCLEX-RN (National Council Licensure Examination-Registered Nurse)

The NCLEX-RN and NCLEX-PN examinations are developed and owned by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc. (NCSBN). NCSBN administers these examinations on behalf of its member boards which consist of the boards of nursing in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and four U.S. territories *American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands and the Virgin Islands.*

To ensure public protection, each board of nursing requires a candidate for licensure to pass the appropriate NCLEX examination, NCLEX-RN for registered nurses and the NCLEX-PN for practical/vocational nurses. NCLEX examinations are designed to test the knowledge, skills and abilities essential to the safe and effective practice of nursing at the entry-level.

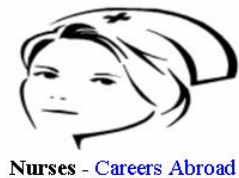
NCLEX examinations are provided in a computerized adaptive testing (CAT) format and are presently administered by Pearson VUE in their network of Pearson Professional Centers (PPC). Authorized testing centers are located throughout USA and in selected foreign countries, including the most recently approved the Philippines and Mexico.

The test is given only in English. There have indications by the National Council of State Board of Nursing of seeking to translate the test to Spanish; however, there seems to be public opposition considering that such translation goes against the main intention of the exam; that is to make sure that all passing nurses demonstrate sufficiency in both clinical and English communication skills. Currently, the exam is only given in English as intended.

All items are developed and validated using the expertise of practicing nurses, educators and regulators from throughout the country. The content of the items of the NCLEX examinations is based on a practice analysis conducted every three years. All students considering taking the NCLEX and/or Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) exams must keep in mind that the exams are about basic nursing intervention, and not about nursing intervention beyond the level of practice of any entry level nurse.

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The two most important elements when considering and discerning the most correct answer are whether the answer is part of an intervention that is **'safe' and 'effective'**. Student should use this as a guideline; if an answer doesn't have the elements of a 'safe' and 'effective' intervention, whether seeking the physical and/or psycho-social integrity of a patient, that answer cannot be considered the 'best' answer. It may be partially correct, but most likely is not the best answer of the multiple possible answers. To train and prepare for the exam the student, usually referred as a GN or recently graduated nurse, may face several options. Option to simply seek published books on the subject of the NCLEX exam preparation from public USA libraries; option two to contact anyone of the private business dedicated to provide the training and preparation to pass the exam. This preparation may consist of classroom instruction or 'online' instruction; the latter being the most affordable and convenient way to study for the exam from one's own computer at any time.

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- 3. Nurses-Careers-Abroad also proposes to establish a "NURSES-BLOG" on the website for the Nursing Fraternity. Look for it at www.nurses.careers.abroad.com*
