

CGFNS / ICHP announces

90.8% of CGFNS certificate holders pass NCLEX-RN on first attempt

On April 23, CGFNS International released the results of its 2006–2007 Certification Program Qualifying Exam Validity Study of pass rates for foreign-educated nurses taking the U.S. nurse licensure exam (NCLEX-RN®).

The April 2006 through March 2007 Validity Study revealed that the CGFNS Certification Program Qualifying Exam has been and continues to be a strong predictor of performance on the NCLEX-RN® examination. Foreign-educated nurses who passed the CGFNS Qualifying Exam on the first attempt had a 92.4% chance of passing NCLEX on the first attempt. The findings of the current study include an overall pass rate

on the NCLEX-RN® examination for CGFNS Certificate Holders of 90.8% versus 40.7% for non-Certificate Holders. The failure rate on NCLEX-RN® of those who did not earn a CGFNS Certificate (58.9%) was 6.4 times greater than that of Certificate Holders (9.2%). In addition, the correlational analyses indicated that the CGFNS Nursing Exam was a strong predictor of NCLEX-RN® examination performance. These results provide CGFNS clients, as well as the general public, the assurance that the CGFNS Certification Program Qualifying Exam is a strong and valid predictor of NCLEX-RN® examination success.



New pricing for VisaScreen® renewal service



CGFNS International has announced new pricing for its *VisaScreen*® Renewal Service, administered by the International Commission on Healthcare Professions (ICHHP), a division of CGFNS International. Effective July 1, 2008, CGFNS/ICHHP will charge \$250 for each *VisaScreen*® Renewal Service.

The *VisaScreen*® Certificate is valid for five years. *VisaScreen*® Certificate holders who have not adjusted their status or obtained a permanent United States visa are required to renew their *VisaScreen*® Certificates within five years of the date it was issued.

VisaScreen® is the CGFNS/ICHHP trademark term for the federally-mandated non-U.S. citizen healthcare worker certification program for U.S. immigration and occupational visas. The professionals requiring certification under the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act (IIRIRA), Section 343 are audiologists, medical technicians, medical technologists, occupational therapists, physician assistants, physical therapists, practical nurses, registered nurses and speech-language pathologists.

The Validity Study can be accessed at <http://www.cgfns.org/sections/tools/stats/validity.shtml>

CGFNS' Certification Program is designed only for first-level, general nurses educated / licensed outside the United States who wish to assess their chances of passing the U.S. registered nurse licensing exam, the NCLEX-RN® examination, and attain licensure as registered nurses within the United States. The Program is comprised of three components: (1) a Credentials Review; (2) a one-day test of nursing knowledge (CGFNS Qualifying Exam) that is modeled on the NCLEX-RN® examination test plan; and (3) an English proficiency test. The Certification Program identifies nurses with a high potential for achieving success on the NCLEX-RN® examination.

Many individual and groups benefit from the Certification Program: U.S. Boards of Registered Nursing; the U.S. Dept. of Labor; and the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, to name a few. For example, the CGFNS Certificate, which is earned by meeting the criteria for the Credentials Review, passing the CGFNS Qualifying Exam and achieving the required score on an English language proficiency exam, is a prerequisite for obtaining a permanent occupational visa for nurses. The majority of U.S. boards of nursing (RN) recognize the CGFNS Certificate as a prerequisite for taking the NCLEX-RN® examination.

Kaplan and CGFNS announce plans to provide nurse education and test preparation products

Kaplan, a leading international provider of educational and career services, and CGFNS International, a leading provider of nursing certification and professional development, have signed a definitive agreement to form a strategic alliance to develop online and offline nursing education and test preparation products and services. The planned Kaplan/CGFNS Advantage Program, Knowledge for Nursing, will provide nursing education and test preparation products and services to hospitals, international schools of nursing and individual international nurses. Rollout of the co-branded test preparation product is scheduled for fourth quarter 2008.

The strategic alliance combines the strengths of two flagship organizations in nursing education, credentials evaluation and certification. Besides the English language training programs for non-native English speakers, Kaplan will contribute its expertise in test preparation for the U.S. nursing licensure exam known as the NCLEX-RN® (National Council Licensure Examination), as well as the CGFNS® Qualifying Exam, a test of basic nursing knowledge for first-level, foreign-educated nurses. CGFNS will contribute its expertise as an internationally recognized authority on credentials evaluation and verification for nurses and healthcare professionals

worldwide, and also its expertise as an administrator of the CGFNS Qualifying Exam.

“The Kaplan/CGFNS Advantage Program, Knowledge for Nursing, will provide quality educational materials online and offline to prepare nurses worldwide to have career mobility and increased nursing knowledge,” said Judith A. Burckhardt, PhD, R.N. Executive Director, Nursing for Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions. “We are excited about working with CGFNS on this initiative. Providing nurses in their country of origin with what they need to prepare for and pass the CGFNS and NCLEX exams without the constraints of location,” she continued, “will be a catalyst for education in the nursing community.”

“Education and training that can be qualified and quantified is the currency for mobility of healthcare professionals and the standards upon which healthcare institutions employ and sustain their workforce,” said Barbara Nichols, DHL, MS, RN, FAAN, and Chief Executive Officer of CGFNS. “The Kaplan/CGFNS initiative for delivering a leading, robust, web-based, educational and testing product for nurses worldwide will broaden nursing knowledge and improve the delivery of healthcare service universally.”

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