

Acceptance of Internationally Trained Nurses into BRN Required Courses

Purpose: To establish a policy and an order of priority for accepting internationally trained nurses into certain Pre-licensure classes when space becomes available.

Introduction:

Internationally trained nurses wishing to qualify to take the NCLEX-RN exam present to the BRN with their transcripts. Many of them are deficient in one or more areas of content to qualify for the exam. Areas of content most frequently cited are Pediatrics, Obstetrics, and Mental Health. These content areas are offered in our School of Nursing Pre-licensure program as core theory courses with clinical rotations. Foreign trained nurses can be accepted into a course for the completion of one or more needed content areas.

Policy:

1. Students must present with an official letter from the BRN (Board of Registered Nursing, California) outlining the course/courses they need to complete for NCLEX-RN exam eligibility.
2. Students must provide written verification of RN Nursing licensure from their country of origin.
3. Take and pass the TEAS exam with 70% Adjusted Individual Score
4. Take and pass the ATI Pharmacology and Fundamentals Exams with a score of Level One or above.
5. Enrollment into the course will be accomplished through Open University (University Extended Education).
6. No pre-requisites will be required.
7. Due to the pace of the program, no internationally trained students will be accepted into the Accelerated Second Bachelors in Nursing (ASBSN) program.

Priority for space available will be given in the following order:

1. Pre-licensure student who could not progress for a serious and compelling reason
2. Pre-licensure student who could not progress due to a course failure (state side)
3. Pre-licensure student who could not progress due to a course failure (ASBSN)
4. LVNs entering into the BSN program
5. Transfer student from another program who left in good standing
6. Internationally trained nurses needing to complete BRN required course work
7. LVNs entering the 30 unit option