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- Enrollment Form: Online Multiple Report System
- Certification Program Applications: [2006 Application Handbook](#) – PDF (rev. 03/6/06); [2006 Re-Application Packet](#) – PDF (rev. 04/13/06)
- Credentials Evaluation Service Applications: [2006 Application Handbook](#) – PDF (rev. 03/06/06); [2006 Additional Services Form](#) – PDF (rev. 04/13/06)
- Credential Verification for New York State Applications; [2006 Application Handbook](#) – PDF (rev. 03/06/06)

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- *VisaScreen*TM Program Applications: [2006 Application Handbook](#) – PDF (rev. 03/06/06); [Renewal Application Packet](#) – PDF (rev. 07/07/05)

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- Test of Written English (TWE), and Test of Spoken English (TSE) administered by the Educational Testing Service (ETS); or
- Test of English for International Communication (TOEIC) administered by the Chauncey Group, along with the TSE and TWE, administered by ETS; or

All ETS-administered testing information available at: <http://www.ets.org>.

- International English Language Testing System (IELTS), administered by Cambridge ESOL Examinations, the British Council and IDP Education Australia.

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 - Arkansas: <http://www.arsbn.org/>
 - California: <http://www.rn.ca.gov/>
 - Colorado: <http://www.dora.state.co.us/nursing/>
 - Connecticut: <http://www.dph.state.ct.us>
 - Delaware:
<http://www.professionallicensing.state.de.us/boards/nursing/index.shtml>
 - District of Columbia: <http://www.dchealth.dc.gov>
 - Florida: <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/nursing/>
 - Georgia: <http://www.sos.state.ga.us/plb/rn/>
 - Hawaii: <http://www.hawaii.gov/dcca/areas/pvl/boards/nursing/>
 - Idaho: <http://www2.idaho.gov/ibn/>
 - Illinois: <http://www.idfpr.com/dpr/WHO/nurs.asp>
 - Indiana: <http://www.in.gov/pla/bandc/isbn/>
 - Iowa: <http://www.state.ia.us/nursing/>

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Kansas: <http://www.ksbn.org>
Kentucky: <http://www.kbn.ky.gov/>
Louisiana: <http://www.lsbm.state.la.us/>
Maine: <http://www.state.me.us/boardofnursing/>
Maryland: <http://www.mbon.org>
Massachusetts: <http://www.state.ma.us/reg/boards/rn/>
Michigan: http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-27417_27529_27542---,00.html
Minnesota: <http://www.nursingboard.state.mn.us/>
Mississippi: <http://www.msbn.state.ms.us/>
Missouri: <http://pr.mo.gov/nursing.asp>
Montana: http://mt.gov/dli/bsd/license/bsd_boards/nur_board/board_page.asp
Nebraska: <http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/crl/nursing/Nursingindex.htm>
Nevada: <http://www.nursingboard.state.nv.us/>
New Hampshire: <http://www.state.nh.us/nursing/>
New Jersey: <http://www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/medical/nursing.htm>
New Mexico: <http://www.bon.state.nm.us/index.html>
New York: <http://www.op.nysed.gov/nurse.htm>
North Carolina: <http://www.ncbon.com>
North Dakota: <http://www.ndbon.org>
Ohio: <http://www.nursing.ohio.gov/>
Oklahoma: <http://www.ok.gov/nursing/>
Oregon: <http://www.osbn.state.or.us/>
Pennsylvania: www.dos.state.pa.us/nurse
Rhode Island: <http://www.health.state.ri.us/hst/professions/nurses.php>
South Carolina: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/nursing/>
South Dakota: <http://www.state.sd.us/doh/nursing/>
Tennessee: <http://www2.state.tn.us/health/Boards/Nursing/>
Texas: <http://www.bne.state.tx.us/>
Utah: <http://www.dopl.utah.gov/licensing/nurse.html>
Vermont: <http://www.vtprofessionals.org/opr1/nurses/>
Virginia: <http://www.dhp.state.va.us/Nursing/>
Washington: <https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/hpqa1/hps6/Nursing/default.htm>
West Virginia: <http://www.wvrnboard.com>
Wisconsin: <http://drl.wi.gov/boards/nur/index.htm>
Wyoming: <http://nursing.state.wy.us>

III. GENERAL WEB RESOURCES

- United States Citizenship & Immigration Services, <http://www.uscis.gov>
- United States Department of State, Visa Services, http://travel.state.gov/visa/visa_1750.html
- United States Department of State Visa Bulletin, http://travel.state.gov/visa/frvi/bulletin/bulletin_1360.html

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- Department of Labor, Foreign Labor Certifications, <http://www.foreignlaborcert.doleta.gov/>
- NAFSA Adviser's Manual
- Nurse Licensing Requirements by State Chart (Courtesy of Siskind Susser Bland)

IV. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND LINKS TO WEBSITES:

- These occupations require the Health Care Worker Certificate:
 - Nurses (licensed practical nurses, licensed vocational nurses, and registered nurses)
 - Physical therapists
 - Occupational therapists
 - Speech language pathologists and audiologists
 - Medical technologists (a.k.a. clinical laboratory technicians)
 - Medical technicians (a.k.a. clinical laboratory technicians)
 - Physician assistants
- NAFTA Professional Job Series List:
http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_1274.html
- USCIS Fact Sheet on the Health Care Worker Certificate (includes a FAQ):
<http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis/menuitem.5af9bb95919f35e66f614176543f6d1a/?vgnextoid=c55878a814f0e010VgnVCM1000000ecd190aRCRD&vgnnextchannel=48819c7755cb9010VgnVCM10000045f3d6a1RCRD>
- Licensing / Healthcare Worker Certification websites:
 - National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCLEX administrators):
<http://www.ncsbn.org/>
 - Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS):
<http://www.cgfns.org>
 - Foreign Credentialing Commission on Physical Therapy (FCCPT):
<http://www.fccpt.org/>
 - National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT):
<http://www.nbcot.org/>
 - Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT):
<http://www.fsbpt.org/>
 - Praxis Series: www.ets.org/praxis
- CGFNS' Summary of Minimum English Language Testing Scores, per occupation: <http://www.cgfns.org/sections/tools/faq/vs.shtml#18>

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