

OREGON NURSES LICENSED BY ENDORSEMENT

MISSION

The Oregon Center for Nursing facilitates research and collaboration for Oregon's nursing workforce to support informed, well-prepared, diverse and exceptional nursing professionals.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- Conduct, analyze and disseminate research
- Encourage collaboration and build partnerships with diverse stakeholders to advance nursing
- Promote nursing and healthcare in all settings in which nurses practice

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THE FACTS

Oregon's registered nurses (RNs) obtain their licenses by one of two methods:

- EXAM—This method is for individuals who have just finished their initial nursing education and have not yet worked as a registered nurse.
- ENDORSEMENT—This method is for registered nurses who have been issued a license in another state before requesting an Oregon license.

Since 2012, the number of RNs licensed by endorsement each year has been greater than the number licensed by exam.

Between July 2014 and August 2017, 14,058 nurses obtained their Oregon nurse license via endorsement.

Endorsing RNs represented all levels of nursing education.

- 3% - Diploma, 45% - ADN, 40% - BSN, 9% - MSN, 3% - Other

Endorsing nurses come from all over the country. 31% come from one of Oregon's border states. Other top states include Texas, Arizona, Florida and Colorado.

IT GETS INTERESTING

62% of Oregon nurses licensed by endorsement neither live nor work in Oregon.

- 40% do not plan to work in Oregon
- 28% do not work in Oregon, but serve Oregon residents
- 44% obtained a nursing license in Oregon, because their employer required it

WHAT DOES IT MEAN

Holding a nursing license in Oregon does not mean that nurse is working in Oregon.

The globalization of the health care industry maybe, in part, responsible (telehealth, case management, triage, etc.) for the growth in nurses licensed by endorsement.

SOURCES

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