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Filipino-American nurse honored by CGFNS in its 30th anniversary calendar

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Little Rock, Arkansas – For its 30th anniversary (1977-2007), the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing School (CGFNS) is showcasing 18 nurses whose success stories personify the theme “Dream Fulfilled” in its 2007-2008 calendar. December 2008 of this calendar features Ann H. Adams, Founder and CEO of NC STAFFING and ENTRALINK, US-based sister companies.

Adams graduated from the University of Saint La Salle, Bacolod City, Philippines in 1988. Straight out of college, she took the Philippine local board exam and subsequently the CGFNS exam with the intention of working in the U.S. Her first U.S. nursing job was with Texas Heart Institute, Houston, Texas in 1989.

In 2001, after earning her Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree, she founded NC STAFFING. Today, it has grown into a multi-million dollar company and is becoming a trailblazer in the medical staffing industry. Her notable success as a nurse clinician, entrepreneur, educator and conference speaker to a number of prestigious U.S. organizations contributed to her selection for the anniversary calendar by CGFNS.

Faced with the challenges of the diminishing supply of nurses in the U.S., in 2006 she started ENTRALINK driven with a vision to birth a premier NCLEX-RN review center in the Philippines. Its battle cry and operational philosophy is “Pass NCLEX the first time!” Her creative solution to the nursing shortage in the U.S. in her own words “is to simply grow a steady supply of nurses by helping Filipinos pass the NCLEX the first time, and then placing these nurses in U.S. hospitals.”

ENTRALINK is based in Memphis, Tennessee, but its review center and Philippine office are located at 399 Sen. Gil Puyat (Buendia) Avenue, Makati. Adam’s brainchild takes to heart the adage “Success comes when opportunity meets preparation.” It assists and prepares hundreds of aspiring Filipino nurses for success in their U.S. licensure exams popularly known as NCLEX-RN.

While barely two years old, ENTRALINK won the confidence of scores of Filipino nurses because of its rather unique review philosophy and methods. Its notable All-

American team of NCLEX-RN and CGFNS Review Experts is headed by its visionary leader, who herself has had a successful 16-year career as a nursing clinician in the US. Its breakthrough 8-day intensive review includes thoughtfully designed lectures, NCLEX style exercises, and firsthand exposure to common US supplies and equipment.

Because all reviewers live and work in the US, they possess a unique understanding of American culture and firsthand knowledge of the US nursing practice. During lectures, this unparalleled qualification translates to a firsthand look and intelligent perspective on US nursing care for students. The newly-acquired perspective gives students a point of reference in properly understanding the US healthcare setting, which is a definite edge in answering scenario-based NCLEX questions.

The combined backgrounds and expertise of ENTRALINK's reviewers are a potent mix that gives students a winning advantage which local review centers simply cannot match. As one student aptly puts it, "There is no better way to pass the NCLEX but to learn from US Experts."

The package includes a 4-month online review program, which simulates the computer adaptive test environment of NCLEX designed to build confidence and familiarity of the test. Unlike the Nursing Local Exam, NCLEX is NOT a pencil and paper-based exam, and is not comprehensive in scope. A keen understanding of the nature and purpose of the NCLEX shapes ENTRALINK's review philosophy and methods which its founder claims to be the elemental factor behind its blazing success.

With the package, students can access up-to-date "review content," reflecting the current NCLEX test plan as well as practice NCLEX-type questions as often as they wish, anywhere, anytime.

ENTRALINK's "Why Not?" critical questioning method, coupled with Harvard-developed test-taking strategies, and "review content" presented in the most easily comprehensible manner all contribute to the high success rate in the NCLEX.

ENTRALINK holds four reviews (February, May, August, November) a year in its Makati location. For other related materials regarding NCLEX and U.S. jobs, visit www.ncstaffing.com or www.entralink.net.

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