

Hello,

My name is Hana Mekonnen RN, BSN. I was one of the international nurses that had the opportunity to participate in the 2nd Cohort of INC program. I graduated from the INC program in 2019 and currently working as an Occupational Health Nurse (OHN) with Premise Health at Intel Oregon.

Prior to joining the Inc program, I was attending Nursing prerequisite classes at PCU and working as a care giver/ CNA. INC program gave me an opportunity to be a licensed registered nurse without going back to nursing school. The INC program helps me revise all nursing courses including the opportunity to participate in clinicals. Cohort 2 program director, coordinator and all of our instructors went above and beyond to prepare me and my classmates for NCLEX nursing board exam. Doing clinicals in a hospital helps me to see how nursing is practiced in the US. IRICO continued supporting me after I passed my NCLEX with the preparation of a professional nursing resume. That was critical for getting my dream job. I worked at as Medi Surg nurse at VA, transplant floor before transitioning to Occupational Health nurse. Because of the INC program I have gained the confidence and knowledge to practice nursing in the United States.

I will always be grateful to INC Program/ IRICO, and I hope other international/immigrant nurses gets the same opportunity I had.

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