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I have been a nurse for 4 decades with the majority of those years in long term care. As a nursing assistant Instructor I understand the need for clear communication. In this field a lot of residents have difficulty expressing their needs, and adding someone who cannot communicate well in English would be very stressful for them. I have had 2 Ukrainian students in my class and they had no problem passing the tests. I have also had Hispanic students who passed the test. What is the real issue here? Perhaps the State Government could work on partnering the ESL candidates with an English as a second language class so they can take a training class to prepare them the tools to pass the certification test.