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Many foreign nurses in the U.S. have expired or expiring work visa/status since H-1C nonimmigrant visa program for nurses sunset (expired) on December 20, 2009. Eligible foreign nurses may considered other work visas/status options such as:

1. **TN under NAFTA**: Registered nurses from Canada or Mexico may consider utilizing TN work status.
2. **H-1B**: Certain nurses from Canada, Mexico and other countries may also consider H-1B. Depending on the type of employer-sponsor, new H-1B petitions are subject to the annual visa quota. H-1B applies to positions requiring at least a baccalaureate/bachelor's degree. Nurses who may qualify for H-1B status include advanced practice nurse such as Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS); Nurse Practitioners (NP); Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA), and Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNM)), nurse managers, and nursing administrators. For more information on H-1B visa quota, please visit: https://immigrationresource.net/quota-for-h-1b-cap-work-visas-has-been-reached-for-fy2013-june-12-2012/ . Nurses holding H-1B status may also consider employment green card and/or family green card.

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