

'Indian nurses best in the world'

Stephen S. Nuell, president of Nurses for International Co-operative Exchange and Job2career, a leading US-based international recruitment and staffing organisation, is all praise for the Florence Nightingales from India.

"Indian nurses are above international standards. They are the best in the world in terms of their dedication, performance, education and quality," said Nuell.

The company has so far given placements to 220 nurses in top-rate hospitals across the United States with green cards. Another 55 are flying to the US in November/December while 75 others will fly out in February/March next year.

"It is only three years since the recruitment of Indian nurses to the US began full swing. The channel was opened after the US Congress passed a Bill that ended the 'visa retrogression.' It takes a maximum of two years now for visa issuance against the earlier five years," said Nuell.

In Nuell's view, the intake is still nowhere near the requirement. The US needs 1,10,000 nurses this year itself. But the recruitment hovers around 3,000 only. "We are looking for more professionals. The requirement of nurses will always be on the rise, thanks to the pressure from the aging US population and decreasing internal supply of nurses. The nursing schools in the country are closing down while the aged people constitute a large portion of the population," said Nuell. Moreover, the health insurance schemes in the US have become more attractive.

To meet this high demand the US sees India as a quality source of professionals. "We look forward to recruiting Indian nurses on a large



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scale. Job2career, a consortium of American doctors, lawyers and immigration experts, is working towards this goal," said Nuell.

The company has set up offices all over India. For qualified nurses who pass the screening test the company offers free training for CGFNS, IELTS and for ENCLEX—the examinations that have to be passed in order to work as a registered nurse in the US. The company advances the fees for all these exams.

For those who show high professional excellence there is the easier route of ENCLEX-direct. This means the candidates can bypass CGFNS and save time. "Usually recruitment of nurses to the US is a bit complicated. We have made it easier by

taking care of training, the immigration process and placement. From start to finish we are there to help them," said Nuell.

How do the nurses adapt to the change of environment? "They have such a high level of professional maturity that two to three weeks of classroom training make them comfortable. In a couple of months they find themselves at home in the new environment," said Nuell. And what distinguishes Indian nurses is that they love their profession, said Nuell.

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