

AI-01798 Moving Checklist FL to NJ

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A newly PinayRN immigrant is finally moving from FL to NJ post RN onboarding with 2 suitcases and a carryon.

Create a comprehensive checklist for the moving event with the ending that says "live and thrive in Passaic, NJ for 2000 work hours.

Information:

Occupation-RN

Hospital-St Mary's General Hospital

Looking for a commuter friendly apartment (wood floors preference), max \$1800

Live alone preference

No car needs, bus and subway okay

Zero friends for now

Has a few dollars left in BPI

Has Bank of America accounts setup

Has Social Security card already

Has a US phone number already

Has an NJ RN license already

Completed all the RN classes and continuing education requirements

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Here's a comprehensive checklist for a newly immigrated Pinay RN moving from Florida to New Jersey, with a goal to live and thrive in Passaic, NJ for 2000 work hours (about 1 year full-time).

Pre-Move Final Prep (Florida)

1. Book travel to NJ
 - ☐ Plane, train, or bus ticket
 - ☐ Confirm date/time and location (ideally land 1–3 days before first shift)
2. Pack your essentials (2 suitcases + 1 carry-on)
 - ☐ Work clothes (scrubs, shoes, jackets)
 - ☐ Personal clothes for all seasons (NJ has winter!)
 - ☐ Toiletries
 - ☐ Health documents, RN ID, passport, NJ RN license
 - ☐ Small cooking essentials (rice cooker if space allows)
 - ☐ Phone charger, laptop, power bank
 - ☐ Emergency meds, personal prescriptions
 - ☐ Any sentimental items or photos to feel at home
3. Handle Florida closure
 - ☐ End lease (if renting)
 - ☐ Transfer or close utilities
 - ☐ Forward USPS mail to NJ
 - ☐ Let employer/landlord know you're leaving
 - ☐ Cancel or transfer internet, subscriptions

Transit Day

1. Travel smart
 - ☐ Wear weather-appropriate comfy clothes
 - ☐ Keep essentials in your carry-on (documents, charger, IDs)
 - ☐ Bring snacks and water
 - ☐ Track travel route (Apple/Google Maps)
 - ☐ Let someone (if any) know you're en route for safety

Arrival in NJ (Welcome to the Garden State!)

1. Temporary Stay (if needed)
 - ☐ Book 3–5 nights at Airbnb/hotel near Passaic

- ☐ Get familiar with the neighborhood (grocery, bus stops, laundromat)
- 2. Apartment Hunting (max \$1800, commuter-friendly)
 - ☐ Visit/Contact:
 - Richfield Village
 - Country Club Towers
 - Courtyard at Clifton
 - Other bus-accessible units with wood floors
 - ☐ Ask about:
 - Monthly rent (utilities included?)
 - Lease terms (12-month preferred)
 - Laundry on-site
 - Heating type (baseboard vs central)
 - Move-in readiness
 - ☐ Secure lease (first month + security deposit)

Settling Into Apartment

1. Utilities Setup
 - ☐ Electric (PSE&G)
 - ☐ Internet (Optimum, Verizon, etc.)
 - ☐ Renters insurance (optional but recommended)
2. Essentials Buy List
 - ☐ Bedding (twin/full bed, pillows, sheets)
 - ☐ Towels, kitchen utensils, basic cookware
 - ☐ Laundry basket, detergent
 - ☐ Cleaning supplies
 - ☐ Table/chair for eating or studying
 - ☐ Hangers, storage bins
 - ☐ Curtains if not included
 - ☐ Wall clock or calendar
 - ☐ One "comfort" item (lamp, plant, photo frame)

3. Budget Setup

☐ Track monthly expenses:

- Rent
- Food
- Transportation (NJ Transit monthly pass)
- Phone
- Internet
- Savings goals
 - ☐ Set financial goals:
- Emergency fund (3 months)
- IRA or tech ETF through Merrill Edge
- Transfer BPI savings as needed

☒ **Commuting and Work at St. Mary's General Hospital**

1. NJ Transit Familiarization

- ☐ Locate nearest bus stop to apartment
- ☐ Find routes to St. Mary's General Hospital
- ☐ Buy NJ Transit monthly bus pass
- ☐ Plan backup route
- ☐ Learn the schedule (save to phone)

2. Work Readiness

- ☐ Pack lunch kit, refillable water bottle
- ☐ Keep badge, pens, watch, and ID ready
- ☐ Review shift schedule
- ☐ Emergency contacts on phone
- ☐ Download hospital-related apps if required
- ☐ Review policies, floor layout, key team contacts

☒ **Personal Life & Well-Being**

1. Connection & Community

- ☐ Join local FB groups for Pinays in NJ, Nurses in NJ, etc.

- ☐ Find local church or hobby group
- ☐ Visit local Asian market or Filipino stores
- ☐ Make a small celebration for first paycheck!

2. Healthcare & Safety

- ☐ Find nearest urgent care or doctor
- ☐ Store health insurance info (from job)
- ☐ Save local emergency numbers
- ☐ Identify nearby police, fire station, and hospital ER

3. Self-Care and Growth

- ☐ Journal your journey weekly
- ☐ Cook at home to save money
- ☐ Streamline skincare and sleep routine
- ☐ Read or listen to 1 book/month
- ☐ Check-in with family in PH regularly
- ☐ Make one new acquaintance per month

Legal & Financial Maintenance

1. Documents and IDs

- ☐ Keep NJ RN license, SS card, passport in secure spot
- ☐ Apply for NJ State ID or update address on license if needed
- ☐ Track tax paperwork for next filing (W-2 from hospital)

2. Financial Health

- ☐ Monitor Bank of America account
- ☐ Set up automatic savings
- ☐ Consider credit-building tools (secured card or rent reporting)
- ☐ File taxes (consider free tax help for first-time filers)

End Goal Reminder

Live and thrive in Passaic, NJ for 2000 work hours

— to grow, learn, and build the strong, independent RN life you dreamed of.

You've already made the leap — now just keep walking forward.

Welcome to your new chapter. 🏠👩💪🇺🇸