

Emergency Rule Guidance Regarding Employment of Nursing Students and Graduates


Pursuant to Pandemic Emergency Rules effective April 21, 2020, issued during a declared health emergency, the Oklahoma Board of Nursing has promulgated emergency rules aimed at increasing opportunities for students and recent graduates of Board-approved nursing education programs to practice nursing in the State of Oklahoma.

As long as the declared health emergency is in effect, a nursing student currently enrolled in a Board-approved RN or LPN nursing education program may be employed consistent with the Board's *Employment of Nursing Students or Non-Licensed Graduates Guidelines*. The guidelines can be accessed at <http://nursing.ok.gov/ed-guide.pdf>.

In addition, and as long as the declared health emergency is in effect, a non-licensed graduate of a Board-approved nursing education program may work, **under specified conditions**, as a non-licensed graduate under the direct supervision and direction of a licensed RN **in a hospital or nursing home** for a maximum of 180 days immediately following graduation from a Board-approved nursing education program. The specified conditions are listed in the emergency rules accessible at <http://nursing.ok.gov/pandemicrules.pdf>. The Authorization to Test (ATT) email received from Pearson VUE will serve as the non-licensed graduate's Temporary Permit to practice nursing. Please note, if the graduate nurse fails the NCLEX exam then the Temporary Permit to practice nursing expires and is void.

A copy of an ATT email is embedded below. Upon presentation of the ATT, the following must be validated:

1. the name of the individual;
2. the test validity dates (should the date allowed for testing expire, the ATT is no longer valid); and
3. the Nursing Regulatory Body jurisdiction MUST be Oklahoma.

	
PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO THIS E-MAIL	
AUTHORIZATION TO TEST	
You have been authorized to take the NCLEX® with Pearson VUE. Information including exam rules and scheduling instructions are shown below. If the details of your authorization are not correct, please contact your Nursing Regulatory Body immediately.	
IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE NCLEX To ensure social distancing measures are in effect as well as increase the number of candidates that can test daily, the NCLEX-RN and NCLEX-PN will be administered as follows:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Computerized Adaptive Testing (CAT) will still be used• The minimum number of test items will be 60• The maximum number of test items will be 130• The maximum testing time will be 4 hours• The difficulty level and passing standard has not changed• The Next Generation NCLEX Special Research Section will NOT be included	
Exam:	Exam Series - Exam Title - Exam Language (LangCode)
Candidate:	Salutation Candidatefirst Candidatemiddle Candidatelast Suffix
NCLEX ID:	123456
Authorization Number:	V123BCD
Test Validity:	23 March 2020 - 23 June 2020
Nursing Regulatory Body:	Jurisdiction
Program:	Program, City, STATE, ProgramCode
Admission Policy	
NCLEX EXAMINATION CONFIDENTIALITY	

If you have questions regarding the emergency rules, you may contact Jackye Ward at (405) 962-1809.