The Board’s Consultative Role

The Board provides information to the public, licensees, applicants, employers, educational programs, agencies, and other entities by responding to questions concerning scope of practice and educational standards, based on the Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act and Rules. The Board’s annual report provides statistical information on nursing and summarizes Board actions. The Board offers other publications to further clarify complex issues, such as guidelines, declaratory rulings, and policies. In addition, the Board provides representation on statutory and advisory committees that address health care issues.

Complaints or Problems Related to Nursing Care

If the licensed nurse or AUA is found to have violated the Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act or Rules governing nursing practice in Oklahoma, the Board may take disciplinary action and/or impose an administrative penalty. Grounds for discipline include behaviors that place or have the potential to place a client at risk of harm. Fraud, deceit or material deception in obtaining a license or certificate and violation of other laws and rules may also lead to disciplinary action. The disciplinary action may include a reprimand, education courses, probation, suspension or revocation of the license or certificate.

If you believe a licensed nurse or AUA has acted in an incompetent or unsafe manner, do not hesitate to contact the Board of Nursing. When you contact the Board office, the Board staff may request you complete a form regarding your concerns.

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The Board evaluates and issues licenses and certificates to qualified individuals who have completed an approved educational program or who are licensed or certified in another state or country. To become licensed in Oklahoma, an individual must complete an approved nursing education program and submit an application for licensure with other required information, including a national criminal history records search. Successful completion of a licensure examination is required.

The Board is also responsible for renewing licenses for more than 65,000 licensees during each two-year renewal cycle. Additionally, the Board renews the license to practice for more than 2,500 Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (which include the Certified Nurse Practitioner, Certified Nurse Midwife, Clinical Nurse Specialist, and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist), Advanced Practice Registered Nurse prescriptive authority, and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist authority to Select, Order, Obtain and Administer. The Board also renews certifications for more than 600 Advanced Unlicensed Assistants who work in acute care facilities.

The Oklahoma Peer Assistance Program (OPAP) is the Board’s voluntary alternative to the disciplinary process for nurses who have abused alcohol or other drugs. OPAP’s services include development of an individualized structured plan of recovery, monitoring of participation compliance, encouragement and support of recovering nurses, and education on chemical dependency issues. All requests for information and/or assistance are confidential. For more information, contact the OPAP at (405) 525-2277.