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NCLEX Pass Rate Report Calendar Year 2013

In Calendar Year (CY) 2013, Oklahoma educated first-time candidates for Registered Nurse licensure achieved an overall 83.03% NCLEX-RN Pass Rate. This is a significant decrease from the 91.45% NCLEX-RN pass rate for CY 2012. The CY 2013 Oklahoma NCLEX-RN pass rate is slightly lower than the National NCLEX-RN pass rate of 83.04%.

Approximately 58% of all campuses in Oklahoma pre-licensure associate degree and baccalaureate degree nursing education programs achieved pass rates above the national average, and 14% of the programs achieved pass rates that were more than 10 percentage points lower than the national average. Oklahoma associate degree and baccalaureate degree programs ranked higher than 15 other states or jurisdictions on the NCLEX-RN exam in CY 2013. There were 2,080 first-time Oklahoma-educated RN candidates taking the NCLEX-RN exam in 2013, which is slightly lower than the 2,175 first-time candidates testing in CY 2012.

In CY 2013, Oklahoma-educated first-time candidates for Licensed Practical Nurse licensure achieved an NCLEX-PN pass rate of 91.34%. Between CY 2004 and CY 2013, Oklahoma-educated first-time NCLEX-PN candidate averages ranked consistently above the national NCLEX-PN average. In CY 2013, approximately 80% of all campuses offering practical nursing education achieved pass rates above the national average, and 6% of the campuses averaged more than 10 percentage points lower than the national average. Oklahoma practical nursing programs ranked higher than 31 other states or jurisdictions on the NCLEX-PN exam in CY 2013. There were 1,132 first-time Oklahoma-educated PN candidates taking the NCLEX-PN exam in CY 2013, which is slightly lower than the 1,154 first-time candidates testing in CY 2012.

Oklahoma nursing education program first-time candidate NCLEX-RN and NCLEX-PN pass rate percentages per calendar year from 2004 through 2013 are available on the Board's website.

NCLEX-RN pass rates may be accessed at <http://ok.gov/nursing/nclexpass1.pdf>

NCLEX-PN pass rates may be accessed at <http://ok.gov/nursing/nclexpass.pdf>

Recent Policy Revisions

The following policies have been reviewed/approved and are available for review by hyperlink provided:

Approved Policies/Guidelines during the January 2014 Board Meeting:

Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Certification Examinations Approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing, #P-52-A, available at: <http://www.ok.gov/nursing/prac-natlcert.pdf>

Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Certification Examinations No Longer Approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing, #P-52-A, available at: <http://www.ok.gov/nursing/prac-natlcert.pdf>

Reports Submitted from Nursing Education Programs on NCLEX Pass Rate Policy, #E-07, available at: <http://www.ok.gov/nursing/passrate.pdf>

Preceptor Policy for Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses, #E-02, available at: <http://www.ok.gov/nursing/ed-precpt.pdf>

Complete January 2014 Board Meeting Minutes are available at: <http://www.ok.gov/nursing/bdminjan14.pdf>

Approved Policies/Guidelines during the March 2014 Board Meeting:

Registered Nurse Administering, Managing and Monitoring Non-Obstetrical Patients Receiving Analgesia/Anesthesia by Catheter Techniques (Epidural, PCEA and Intrathecal Catheters) Guidelines, #P-03, available at: <http://www.ok.gov/nursing/epi1.pdf>

Registered Nurse Monitoring Obstetrical Patients Receiving Analgesia/Anesthesia by Catheter Techniques (Epidural, PCEA and Intrathecal Catheters) Guidelines, #P-04, available at: <http://www.ok.gov/nursing/prac-epidurob.pdf>

Placement of Nasogastric Tubes by Registered Nurses in Post Bariatric or Anatomy Altering (Upper Gastrointestinal Tract and Stomach) Surgical Patients Guidelines, #P-22, available at: <http://www.ok.gov/nursing/ngplacementpostbariatric.pdf>

Meeting Requirements for Continuing Qualifications for Practice for License Renewal Guidelines, #P-23, available at: <http://www.ok.gov/nursing/cqlicenser renewal.pdf>

Peer Assistance Program

The **Peer Assistance Program** is designed to assist nurses who have an issue with substance use to enter into and stay in recovery. By participating in the Peer Assistance Program, nurses are able to retain their nursing license and may avoid disciplinary action if they successfully complete the Program. If you, or nurses you know, are experiencing problems related to the use of substances, the Peer Assistance Program may be able to help. **Contact us at: 405-525-2277**

Reminder for Change of Name

Have you had a change of address? If so, you **must** notify the Board office in writing within 30 days of the change. You may submit a signed and dated statement with your license number or Social Security number, your full name, and your new address. Alternatively, you may complete your change of address on the Board's website:

<https://www.ok.gov/nursing/renewal/login.php>

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Notice to Licensees Submitting Online Renewals

The Oklahoma Board of Nursing online renewal system provides a convenient way for you to submit your renewal. However, it is essential that you protect the security of your online information. **Your PIN number, which is required for the renewal, should not be shared with anyone, not even with your spouse or support staff at your place of employment.** Your responsibility to renew your license **cannot** be delegated to another person. **You are the only person who can complete and submit the online renewal application!**

To access the online renewal:

<https://www.ok.gov/nursing/renewal/index.php>

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