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### Welcome New Board Member, Liz Klingensmith!

The Oklahoma Board of Nursing welcomes new Board member, Liz Klingensmith. Liz graduated from East Central University, Ada, in 2004 with a BS in Nursing. In 2012, she obtained a Masters in Nursing Education from the University of Oklahoma, where she graduated with academic distinction. Prior to assuming her role in 2015 as Vice President of Patient Care and Chief Nursing Officer at Mercy Hospital Ada, Liz served one year as the Director of Nursing for Acute Care at Mercy Hospital Ada, two years as the Clinical Education Director and Nurse Manager Mentor for Valley View Regional Hospital/Mercy Hospital Ada and five years as the Nurse Manager for the Family Center and Pediatrics Units at Valley View Regional Hospital, Ada. Liz is a member of the Oklahoma Nurses Association, American Nurses Association, and Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. Most recently, Liz was recognized as the 2016 March of Dimes Nurse of the Year in Nursing Administration. The Board of Nursing proudly welcomes Liz to the Board membership!

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### Guidelines for Simulated Patient Care Experience (SPCE) for Registered Nursing Programs Approved

Newly developed guidelines addressing the use of simulated patient care experiences were approved during the September 2016 Board meeting. On August 25, 2016, new Rules took effect to include OAC 485:10-5-4.1(i) which states, "Nursing education programs on full approval status may substitute up to 30% of Simulated Patient Care Experiences (SPCE) for clinical hour for each clinical course. Programs not on full approval status must obtain Board approval to substitute simulation for clinical course hours."

A task force, organized to develop simulation guidelines in anticipation of the use of SPCE, drafted guidelines in August of 2015. In July 2016, a second task force was organized to review and update the guidelines. The Guidelines for Simulated Patient Care Experience (SPCE) for Registered and Practical Nursing Programs were approved by the Board on September 20, 2016.

The guidelines are available at <http://nursing.ok.gov/spcegl.pdf>

Please refer questions to Terri Walker, Nursing Education Consultant, at (405) 962-1825.

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### Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact Update

The enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact (eNLC), which was enacted by the state of Oklahoma in April 2016, is an updated version of the current Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC), allowing registered nurses (RNs) and licensed practical/vocational nurses (LPN/VNs) to have one multistate license, with the ability to practice in both their home state and other NLC states. At this time, the eNLC is not an operating compact because it does not go into effect until 26 states pass and enact the eNLC legislation, or on Dec. 31, 2018, whichever is sooner. Currently, 10 states, including Oklahoma, have enacted the eNLC. Oklahoma will not issue multistate licenses until after the effective date is reached and eNLC rules are adopted.

The eNLC increases access to care while maintaining public protection. Patient safety being of paramount importance led to the addition of new features found in the eNLC including a requirement for state and federal background checks for all applicants who choose to apply for an eNLC license. Additionally, the eNLC includes 11 requirements a nurse must meet to obtain an eNLC license to ensure all nurses practicing in the eNLC have met the same high licensure standards.

Further information will be provided by the Board of Nursing as Oklahoma moves toward issuing multistate licenses to nurses. Additional information about the eNLC can be found at [www.nursecompact.org](http://www.nursecompact.org). To keep up-to-date on the e-NLC you can like the [NLC Facebook page](#) or follow the NLC on [Twitter](#).

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## NCLEX Pass Rate Report Calendar Year 2015

In Calendar Year (CY) 2015, Oklahoma educated first-time candidates for Registered Nurse licensure achieved an overall 85.70% NCLEX-RN Pass Rate. This is a slight increase from the 83.55% NCLEX-RN pass rate for CY 2014. The CY 2015 Oklahoma NCLEX-RN pass rate is slightly higher than the National NCLEX-RN pass rate of 84.51%.

Approximately 69% of all campuses in Oklahoma pre-licensure associate degree and baccalaureate degree nursing education programs achieved pass rates above the national average, and 19% 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 22 other states or jurisdictions on the NCLEX-RN exam in CY 2015. There were 2,048 first-time Oklahoma-educated RN candidates taking the NCLEX-RN exam in 2015, which is slightly lower than the 2,146 first-time candidates testing in CY 2014.

In CY 2015, Oklahoma-educated first-time candidates for Licensed Practical Nurse licensure achieved an NCLEX-PN pass rate of 90.72%. Between CY 2006 and CY 2015, Oklahoma-educated first-time NCLEX-PN candidate averages ranked consistently above the national NCLEX-PN average. In CY 2015, approximately 85% of all campuses offering practical nursing education achieved pass rates above the national average, and 2% of the campuses averaged more than 10 percentage points lower than the national average. Oklahoma practical nursing programs ranked higher than 37 other states or jurisdictions on the NCLEX-PN exam in CY 2015. There were 1,067 first-time Oklahoma-educated PN candidates taking the NCLEX-PN exam in CY 2015, which is slightly lower than the 1,087 first-time candidates testing in CY 2014.

Oklahoma nursing education program first-time candidate NCLEX-RN and NCLEX-PN pass rate percentages per calendar year from 2005 through 2015 are available on the Board's website.

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

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

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## Substance Use Disorder Educational Courses Free to Nurses and Nursing Students

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) provides NCSBN courses "Understanding Substance Use Disorder in Nursing" and "Nurse Manager Guidelines for Substance Use Disorder" free of charge to all nurses and nursing students. NCSBN's Substance Use Disorder (SUD) toolkit, brochures, posters, a book and the two continuing education courses were developed so that nurses can identify the warning signs of SUD in patients, nurses and the general public and provide guidelines for prevention, education and intervention. Please access the following link for additional information: [Substance Use Disorder Educational Courses Free to Nurses and Nursing Students](#)

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## Oklahoma Board of Nursing Annual Report

The Fiscal Year 2015 Oklahoma Board of Nursing Annual report may be accessed at:

<http://www.ok.gov/nursing/anrep15.pdf>

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## Recent Policy Revisions

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

### Approved Policies/Guidelines during the May 2016 Board Meeting:

Information for Bulletins and /catalogues of Nursing Education Programs, #E-05 available at <http://nursing.ok.gov/ed-catalogueinfo.pdf>

### Approved Policies/Guidelines during the July 2016 Board Meeting:

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

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

### Approved Policies/Guidelines during the September 2016 Board Meeting:

Special Reports from Nursing Education Programs to the Board Guidelines, #E-06 available at <http://nursing.ok.gov/spec-rpts.pdf>

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

Exclusionary Formulary for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses with Prescriptive Authority, #P-50B available at <http://nursing.ok.gov/prac-exclusfrm.pdf>

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## Online Applications

All nursing licensure applications and applications for Advanced Unlicensed Assistants have been available online since 2009. Since this time, the Board has seen a marked improvement in processing times of applications and improved stakeholder satisfaction. The transition to online applications supports the "Go Green" direction of state government, contributes to efficiencies within the Board of Nursing, and promotes lower application processing times.

For those applicants who do not have personal access to a computer through home, work, school or a nearby library, computers are available for public use in the Board office. If an applicant cannot access an online application by any of these means, a paper copy may be requested by the individual applicant by submitting a written request for such to the Board office. A self-addressed, postage-paid (approximately \$1.06) 8 ½" x 11" envelope must accompany the written request for a paper copy of the application.

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## Routine Reminders and Links

### Reminder for Change of Name

To change your name, you must complete the Name Change Request form. The form is available on the Board of Nursing website at: <http://nursing.ok.gov/namechange.pdf>

### Reminder for Change of Address

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://pay.apps.ok.gov/nursing/renewal/login.php>

### **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://pay.apps.ok.gov/nursing/renewal/index.php>

In preparing to submit your online renewal application, please visit the following link specific to **Continuing Qualifications for License Renewal Guidelines**:  
<http://ok.gov/nursing/cqlicenser renewal.pdf>

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