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Understanding the Scope of Practice for Certified Nurse Practitioners

The Oklahoma Board of Nursing receives many inquiries regarding the Scope of Practice for Certified Nurse Practitioners (CNP). The Certified Nurse Practitioner's scope of practice includes the full scope of nursing practice and practice in the expanded role. [OAC §485: 10-15-6.(b)] The CNP will provide services based on their education, training **and** national certification. [OAC §485: 10-15-6.(b)(3)]

Effective January 1, 2016, a registered nurse applying for initial licensure as a CNP must have completed an accredited graduate level advance practice registered nursing education program in at least one of the following six population foci: 1) family/individual across the lifespan; 2) adult-gerontology (acute and/or primary); 3) neonatal; 4) pediatrics (acute and/or primary); 5) women's health/gender related; and/or 6) psychiatric/mental health. Upon completion of the required education, successful completion of a national certification examination is required prior to submitting an application for APRN-CNP licensure.

Oklahoma Board of Nursing has a list of approved certifications that can be viewed at <https://www.ok.gov/nursing/prac-natlcert.pdf>. Currently, there are 16 approved certifications for Certified Nurse Practitioners. The CNP will function within the scope of practice for the selected area of specialization. [59 O.S. §567.3a.6.b.] The area of specialization may include acute and/or primary health care.

It is the responsibility of the licensee to document competency of any act, based upon education, experience, and certification. The Decision Making Model can be used to help provide clarity for Certified Nurse Practitioners. It can be viewed at <http://ok.gov/nursing/prac-decmak.pdf>

Hydrocodone Combination Products Now Schedule II

The United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) published its final rule rescheduling Hydrocodone combination products **to the more-restrictive Schedule II** from Schedule III. In accordance with 63 O.S. § 2-312, the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act, the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse-Certified Nurse Practitioner, Clinical Nurse Specialist and/or Certified Nurse Midwife with prescriptive authority may prescribe and administer Schedule III, IV and V controlled dangerous substances. The scheduling change was effective **October 6, 2014**. The Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy provided communication regarding the schedule changes to all Oklahoma pharmacies. A copy of this communication was provided on September 16, 2014 via electronic mail to all active Advanced Practice Registered Nurses licensed in Oklahoma. Advanced Practice Registered Nurse-Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists with select, order, obtain and administer authority may continue to select, order, obtain and administer Schedules II through V controlled dangerous substances during the perioperative or peribobstetrical period.

APRN Prescription News

The Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy recently released that Oklahoma pharmacies may fill prescriptions written by an out-of-state Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) **ONLY** if the APRN is also licensed in Oklahoma, has prescriptive authority, and is working with and has a supervising agreement with an Oklahoma licensed physician at the time the prescription is written. Oklahoma laws governing APRN prescribing will apply regardless of where the prescription is written.

For those APRNs licensed in two or more states and working in practice settings in another state, this would allow a prescription to be filled in Oklahoma if it was written across the state line. Again, the APRN shall be licensed as an APRN in Oklahoma, maintain prescriptive authority recognition in Oklahoma, maintain a collaborative agreement with an Oklahoma licensed supervising physician, and write/provide prescriptions according to Oklahoma law.

Recent Policy Revisions

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

Approved Policies/Guidelines during the September 2014 Board Meeting:

Determining Appropriate Faculty to Student Ratios in the Clinical Area in Board-Approved Nursing Education Programs Guidelines, # E-09, available at: <https://www.ok.gov/nursing/facratio.pdf>

Approved Skills List for Performance by Board-Certified Advanced Unlicensed Assistants, #E-43, available at: <https://www.ok.gov/nursing/aua5.pdf>

Limited Obstetric Ultrasound and Limited Ultrasound in a Reproductive Medicine Setting Examinations Performed by Registered Nurse Guidelines, #P-13, available at: <https://www.ok.gov/nursing/multra.pdf>

Complete September 2014 Board Meeting Minutes are available at: <https://www.ok.gov/nursing/bdinsep14.pdf>

Approved Policies/Guidelines during the November 2014 Board Meeting:

Wound Debridement by Licensed Nurses Guidelines, #P-05, available at: <https://www.ok.gov/nursing/prac-wndbrd.pdf>

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

Formulary Advisory Council Procedure for Amending the Formulary, #P-50, available at: <http://www.ok.gov/nursing/prac-amndform.pdf>

Complete November 2014 Board Meeting Minutes will be available **following** the January 2015 meeting at: <https://www.ok.gov/nursing/bdminnov14.pdf>

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

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