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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE **JACKYE WARD, MS, RN**

Individuals who become nurses are expected not only to adhere to the ideals and moral norms of the profession but also to embrace them as a part of what it means to be a nurse (ANA, 2003). Yes, we have our statutes, rules and regulations, advisory opinions and position statements, but what does it all mean?

In an effort to better help you understand these terms, the Board of Nursing recently approved a policy entitled, *Board Document Definitions*. This policy is available on the Board of Nursing website.

Statutes are laws enacted by the Oklahoma legislature, that are approved by our governor. *Rules* are published by the Secretary of State Code Office and are adopted by the Board. If approved by the Governor and not disapproved by the Legislature, they become effective. *A declaratory ruling* provides an explanation or clarification of the rules and is subject to judicial review as indicated in the *Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act*.

Board policies, guidelines or other Board-issued documents are not regulations; however, licensees need to respect these documents as guides for prudent nurses and employers who wish to engage in safe nursing practices.

Even with a clear understanding of the terms, each nurse is held accountable in staying the course.

As educators and nurses in practice, we need to be mindful of our responsibility to protect the public through the engagement of safe nursing practices. Become familiar with the defining documents of the Oklahoma Board of Nursing. Review our *Nursing Practice Act*. Know what is expected of you as a licensed nurse in Oklahoma, then take a look at your individual practice. Are you able to walk the walk comfortably or do you need to tighten up? Our patients are counting on us! We're up to the task!

In regard to rules and regulations, guidelines and such, I have had the privilege of attending the National Council of State Board of Nursing Delegate Assembly. I can say with great conviction, we are fortunate to have Kim Glazier, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Board of Nursing and her board staff. They are progressive, informed, and willing to do all that is necessary to keep nursing in Oklahoma on track. Simply stated, they are well-known by all boards of nursing and well-respected for doing the right thing exceptionally well.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR

Governor Brad Henry recently appointed three new members to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing. They are Nettie Seale, RN, M.Ed.; Elizabeth Schultz, MS, RN, CRNA; and Linda Martin, LPN. The new Board members take the places of Cynthia Foust, Ph.D, RN; Deborah Booton-Hiser, Ph.D, RN, ARNP; and Heather Sharp, LPN, who completed their terms of appointment in 2006. The Board extends its appreciation to Dr. Foust, Dr. Booton-Hiser, and Ms. Sharp, whose hard work during the five years served on the Board helped to ensure the safety of the citizens of Oklahoma.

Nettie Seale is a 1968 graduate of Baptist Medical Center School of Nursing. She received her bachelor's degree in education from the University of Central Oklahoma (UCO) in 1980 and her master's degree in education from UCO in 1985. Mrs. Seale worked at Baptist Hospital for three years, then began her 35-year teaching career. She taught for three years at the Oklahoma School of Practical Nursing (which is now Metro Tech). She then moved to Clinton, where she taught at Western Technology Center for fifteen years, seven of those in which she served as director of the program. She returned to Oklahoma City where she taught at Metro Tech for nine years, four of those in which she served as coordinator of the practical nursing program. She moved to Kiamichi Technology Center in Stigler eight years ago, and became the instructor of the part time practical nursing program.

Elizabeth Schultz graduated with a bachelor's degree in nursing from George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia in 1987. She worked as a traveling

medical-surgical nurse, and in PACU at Baptist Medical Center before attending anesthesia school. Ms. Schultz graduated from the Bryan Memorial Hospital/University of Kansas School of Nurse Anesthesia in 1996 with a master's degree in nurse anesthesia. She served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Association of Nurse Anesthetists from 1998 to 2005, including terms as Secretary, Treasurer, Program Planner and Federal Political Director. Prior to her appointment to the Board, Ms. Schultz served on the Board's Advanced Practice Advisory Committee from 2003 to 2005. She is currently working as a staff CRNA at the McBride Clinic Orthopedic Hospital in Oklahoma City.



Pictured from left to right: Nettie Seale, Jackye Ward (Board President), and Elizabeth Schultz. Not pictured: Linda Martin

Linda Martin started her health career as a dental assistant, continuing in this role for several years, before deciding to enter the nursing profession. Ms. Martin graduated from Francis Tuttle Technology Center in 2001, and has been employed as an Licensed Practical Nurse continuously since that time. Ms. Martin's experience includes care of pediatric patients, work in a gastrointestinal care unit, and care of patients with Alzheimer's Disease. She is currently employed as an MDS Coordinator at Baptist Village in Oklahoma City.

We welcome these individuals to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing!

Have you recently moved? If so, please go online to update your address:

www.ok.gov/nursing.

ONLINE LICENSURE RENEWAL



The Board of Nursing wrote a newsletter article in February 2006 regarding the new and improved online renewal process. We are pleased to report that in 2006, the number of online renewals increased to 97%!

2007 is the year for LPNs to renew. For LPN's new to this process, following is a brief list of bullet points to help you through the process:

- ☞ You can renew online until midnight on the day of your current expiration date.
- ☞ Renewal letters are mailed out as a courtesy to the address that the Board has on file 90 days prior to the expiration date of the license. If you do not receive your renewal letter, it is your responsibility to renew your license is prior to the expiration date.
- ☞ All you need in order to renew is a computer with internet access to log on to <http://www.ok.gov/nursing>, your renewal letter with your assigned personal identification number (PIN) & license number, and a MasterCard, Visa or checking account number/routing number.
- ☞ If you have misplaced your renewal letter, you can retrieve your PIN number by logging on to our website www.ok.gov/nursing, clicking on *License Renewal*, and requesting your PIN number. For security purposes, the system will ask for information to verify your identity. Your PIN number will then be e-mailed to you. You may also come to the Board office, present the appropriate identification, and the Board staff will print you another renewal letter with the PIN number. ***Due to security measures, the Board does not provide PIN numbers over the telephone.***
- ☞ Upon successful completion of your online renewal, your new effective date of licensure will be uploaded to the website for online licensure verification within two business days.
- ☞ You are able to print out a confirmation page to confirm the date you submitted your online renewal.
- ☞ The online questions & instructions are clear and concise. All questions must be answered in order to complete the process. Do not shut the program down until your renewal submission is confirmed or your license may not be renewed!
- ☞ For those without home computers, some employers provide internet access for clinical staff licensure renewal. If that is not an option, local libraries have internet access available to the public. Remember online licensure renewal only takes a few minutes.
- ☞ Exceptions to the online renewal process will only be made upon receipt of a written request and self-addressed, stamped envelope at least one month prior to the expiration date of your license.
- ☞ Technical assistance is available!

We stand ready to assist you in the transition to this streamlined renewal process as does our website provider. Welcome to the 21st century and positive change!

PROTECT THE SECURITY OF YOUR ONLINE INFORMATION!

DO NOT SHARE YOUR PIN NUMBER WITH ANOTHER PERSON. ONLY YOU SHOULD ACCESS, RENEW OR UPDATE PERSONAL INFORMATION ON THE BOARD'S WEBSITE.

National Certifying Bodies *Approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing Policy*

The Oklahoma Board of Nursing (“Board”) approved revisions to the *National Certifying Bodies Approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing Policy* - #P-52 on September 26, 2006, based on recommendations from the Advanced Practice Advisory Committee during its meeting on August 1, 2006. **The changes to the policy became effective December 1, 2006.**

When the Advanced Practice Advisory Committee reviewed the current list of national certifying bodies, they found the policy needed revising to include changes in some certifying body names and/or changes in certification examination names, and to delete certification examinations that are no longer available. In addition, the *Rules* for the Board of Nursing were changed in July 2006 to allow the Board to approve **certification examinations**, as well as the certifying bodies, and the policy name needed to reflect the *Rules* change.

Research was conducted to: (1) identify the current certification examination(s) listed for **each** advanced practice nurse (APN) recognized by the Board, (2) determine how many nurses are recognized in each area and (3) determine which certification examinations listed on the Board’s policy were at the advanced practice level and which were not.

There are several certification examinations listed on the policy prior to the revisions that **were not** APN examinations. When the list was developed initially in 1992, many of the certifying bodies had not developed advanced practice examinations. As more APN examinations became available, the Board added the certifying bodies and/or examinations to the policy; however, non-APN examinations were not deleted from the approved list. APN examinations now exist in most of the specialty areas.

In compliance with the *Rules* of the Board, an advanced practice nursing certification examination must be completed successfully by all APNs applying for **initial recognition** after December 1, 2006. An exception will be made only when an APN certification examination is not available. The required certifying body is identified in the *Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act* (“ONPA”) statutes and/or *Rules* of the Board for certified nurse midwives and for certified registered nurse anesthetists.

The Board approved the recommendations to the *National Certifying Bodies Approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing Policy* - #P-52 as follows:

1. Two policy lists of Board approved national certifying bodies examinations were created. (one for APN certification examinations and one for non-APN certification examinations).
2. If no APN examination is available, an initial applicant for recognition by the Board may be allowed to complete an examination on the non-APN List. **[NOTE: The nurse must contact the Board prior to registering for a non-APN certification examination.]**
3. Current APNs with non-APN national certifications will continue to be recognized as APNs as long as they continue to renew their APN recognition.

In addition to the above changes, the Board approved the following additions to the *National Certifying Bodies* and *APN Certification Examinations Approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing Policy*- #P52A; shown on page 5.

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Certifying Bodies	Certification Examination	Certification Credential
American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)	CNS-Pediatric Nursing [New]	APRN, BC
American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Program	Adult Nurse Practitioner [Separating the Adult from the Family examination]	NP-C
American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Program	Family Nurse Practitioner [Separating the Family from the Adult examination]	NP-C
Pediatric Nursing Certification Board, Inc. (PNCB)	ARNP-Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Acute Care [New]	CPNP-AC

If there are questions on this information, please contact L. Louise Drake, M.H.R., R.N., Associate Director for Nursing Practice, by telephone at (405) 962-1800.

Guidelines for Employment of Nursing Students and Unlicensed Graduates

Board staff members are frequently asked about appropriate employment roles for nursing students and graduates of nursing education programs who are not yet licensed. This topic is addressed in the Board's *Guidelines for Employment of Individuals Enrolled in or Non-Licensed Graduates of Nursing Education Programs*, which may be downloaded from the Board's website: <http://www.ok.gov/nursing/ed-guide.pdf>. A nursing student or non-licensed graduate may function in the role of Nurse Technician/Practical Nurse Technician, performing all duties of a nursing assistant as well as other technical skills which have been learned in a nursing education program, and for which competency has been previously demonstrated under the supervision of a faculty member, with the exception of administration of medication. A Registered Nurse must be directly responsible for the Nurse Technician/Practical Nurse Technician, who is functioning as an unlicensed person within a defined role. A written job description for the Nurse Technician/Practical Nurse Technician must be developed by the employing facility and provided to the individual serving in this role.

The Board's guidelines allow a nonlicensed graduate of a nursing education program to continue to be employed in a Nurse Technician/Practical Nurse Technician role until licensed, provided that the first licensure examination is taken within 90 days after graduation and the examination is passed within six months of graduation on either the first or second attempt. However, the non-licensed graduate cannot be hired as a Graduate Nurse (G.N.) or Graduate Practical Nurse (G.P.N.), nor can he/she be oriented to the job description of the Registered Nurse or Licensed Practical Nurse, until he/she is licensed. The terms "Graduate Nurse" or "Graduate Practical Nurse" are no longer recognized by the Board and should not be used by the graduate. Likewise, there is no "Interim Work Permit" that allows a graduate to work in a licensed position.

Please feel free to contact the Board office if you have questions about the employment of nursing students or unlicensed graduates. In addition, we encourage you to read the guidelines.

OKLAHOMA NURSES SERVE AS MEMBERS OF NCLEX ITEM DEVELOPMENT PANELS

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing is responsible for the development and administration of the licensure examination for RNs and LPNs, and is dependent on the commitment of nurses throughout the country to maintain high standards for the assessment of nursing competence at the entry level. Each year, nurses volunteer their time to be members of the NCLEX Item Development Panels, meeting throughout the year to assist with review and revision of the NCLEX examination. The nurse volunteers must meet the high standards of National Council of State Boards of Nursing to be chosen for the panel. If they are selected, they are paid for their expenses to participate in the panel, which usually last 3-5 days.

The Oklahoma Board of Nursing would like to recognize the following Oklahoma nurses who have recently participated as members of NCLEX Item Development Panels in 2006. We would also like to thank the employers of these nurses, who have allowed them the time off that was necessary to be able to participate in this valuable experience.

Sonya Hill, RN
Midwest City, OK
Member, RN Item Review Panel

Cindy Bodine, RN
Hugo, OK
Member, PN Item Writing Panel

Sheila St. Cyr, RN
Jones, OK
Member, PN Master Pool Review Panel

Mary Remshardt, RN
Durant, OK
Member, RN Item Writing Panel

Carol Ann Collins, RN
Enid, OK
Member, RN Item Writing Panel

Jeralyn Kaye Hartmann, RN
Enid, OK
Member, RN Master Pool Review Panel

If you are interested in serving on an Item Development Panel, please check the National Council of State Boards of Nursing website: www.ncsbn.org. Additional information and an online application form are available.

Oklahoma Board of Nursing Receives Traveling Trophy

On January 31, 2007, the Oklahoma Board of Nursing received a Traveling Trophy, which is awarded annually to the state agency with the greatest percentage increase in contributions for the State Charitable Campaign for the United Way of Central Oklahoma. Board staff contributions represented more than a 300% increase from the previous year. The agency also received a Gold Record Award due to their greater than 10% increase in contributions. Cabinet Secretary Oscar Jackson presented the trophy and award on behalf of United Way to Sandra Ellis, State Charitable Campaign Coordinator for the Oklahoma Board of Nursing.



Pictured from left to right:
Cabinet Secretary Oscar Jackson
and Sandra Ellis, OBN Charitable
Campaign Coordinator

ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES AND PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY

In the February 2006 newsletter, information was provided on types of advanced practice nurses, their scope of practice, and requirements for obtaining recognition. In this article, we will address prescriptive authority in greater detail. The information presented in this article is based on statutes and rules for advanced practice nurse prescriptive authority. The *Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act* provides the statutory authority for advanced practice nurse prescriptive authority in O.S. 59 §567.3a6-12 and §567.4a. The Board's *Rules* further delineate the requirements for advanced practice nurse prescriptive authority in OAC 485:10-16-1 through 485:10-16-9 and OAC 485:10-18-1 through 485:10-18-5. The *Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act* and *Rules* can be accessed on the Board's website: www.ok.gov/nursing. Advanced practice nurses, their employers, and other interested parties are encouraged to review the *Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act* and *Rules* carefully, as this article is not intended to be all-inclusive; but rather it provides a summary only. Other relevant rule citations are noted in the body of the article.

As discussed in the February 2006 article, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners (ARNP), Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS), and Certified Nurse Midwives (CNM) who hold a master's degree in nursing or higher at an advanced practice level may apply for prescriptive authority recognition in Oklahoma, if they have completed specified educational requirements, including a minimum of three (3) academic credit hours, or 45 contact hours, of education obtained within the last three years in a program beyond basic nursing preparation. The education must focus on pharmacotherapeutics, clinical application, and use of pharmacological agents in the prevention of illness, and in the restoration and maintenance of health, applicable to the advanced practice nurse's scope of practice. Board staff members evaluate the education submitted to ensure that the education is designed to prepare the advanced practice nurse to safely prescribe medications appropriate to their specialty area. Clinical Nurse Specialists must have an

additional two (2) credit hours or 30 contact hours of education in pharmacotherapeutic management applicable to their scope of practice, accompanied by a minimum of 320 clock hours of precepted experience overseen by an academic program that prepares Clinical Nurse Specialists. In order to maintain prescriptive authority, the advanced practice nurse must complete at least 15 contact hours or one academic credit hour, of continuing education in pharmacotherapeutics applicable to their scope of practice during each renewal cycle.

Prescriptive authority recognition allows the ARNP, CNS, or CNM to prescribe medications, treatments, and other medical supplies, under the supervision of a licensed medical or osteopathic physician. While direct, on-site supervision is not required, the physician must be readily available to the advanced practice nurse for referral, consultation and collaboration. The Oklahoma State Board of Osteopathic Examiners and the Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision also have requirements for physicians and osteopathic physicians who supervise advanced practice nurses with prescriptive authority. Included in these are requirements that a physician who supervises an advanced practice nurse with prescriptive authority holds a full and unrestricted Oklahoma medical or osteopathic license and Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics (OBN) permits for any drug on the formulary as defined in the *Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act*, that the physician be in an active clinical practice in which no less than twenty (20) hours per week involves direct patient contact, and that the physician be trained and fully qualified in the field of the advanced practice nurse's specialty. Their rules further require that the physician/osteopathic physician may not supervise the prescriptive authority of more than two (2) full time equivalent advanced practice nurses at any one time [OAC 435:10-13-2 and OAC 510:10-4-3]. The Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision and the Oklahoma State Board of Osteo-

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pathic Examiners require proper physician/osteopathic physician supervision of the advanced practice nurse with prescriptive authority, including routine review of the prescriptive practices and patterns of the advanced practice nurse with prescriptive authority, as well as appropriate referral, consultation, and collaboration between the advanced practice nurse and the supervising physician [OAC 435:10-13-2, OAC 510:10-4-2]. Each advanced practice nurse holding prescriptive authority privileges is legally required to maintain an agreement with the supervising physician on file at the Board office. If the supervising physician changes, or if supervising physicians are added or deleted, the advanced practice nurse must ensure that the change is filed with the Oklahoma Board of Nursing within 30 days.

Advanced practice nurses with prescriptive authority may prescribe drugs and medical supplies within their scope of practice, as long as the drug is not on an exclusionary formulary. This exclusionary formulary is reviewed by a statutory committee of the Board annually. The current exclusionary formulary may be found on the Board's website: <http://www.ok.gov/nursing/prac-exclusfrm.pdf>. However, it is important for each advanced practice nurse to be aware that the *Rules of the Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act* allow the advanced practice nurse to prescribe only a seven-day supply of Schedule III-V drugs. In addition, Oklahoma narcotic and controlled dangerous substance laws allow prescription of these drugs only by providers who have registered with the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (OBNDD), as well as the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) [21 U.S.C. §812 and O.S. 63 §2-302]. The DEA registration number must be submitted to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing within 14 days of its receipt. The advanced practice nurse who prescribes is required to include the following information on each prescription: the advanced practice nurse's name, title, address, and telephone number; the name of the physician supervising prescriptive authority; the name of the client; date of the prescription; full name of the drug, dosage, route, and specific directions for administration; and the DEA registration number if required. All prescriptions must be signed by the advanced practice nurse.

Because of the nature of CRNA practice, the rules related to prescriptive authority are slightly different for advanced practice nurses holding CRNA recognition. The CRNA may apply for authority to select, order, obtain, and administer drugs (SOOA), after meeting specified requirements, including satisfactory completion within the last two years of a minimum of 15 units of continuing education in advanced pharmacology related to the administration of anesthesia as recognized by the Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists. SOOA authority allows the CRNA to select, order, obtain, and administer anesthesia related drugs, gases and devices that are included on an inclusionary formulary during the perioperative and periobstetrical periods so as to maintain the patient in sound physiologic status. Without SOOA authority, the CRNA may administer anesthesia, but may not select and order the drugs to be administered without the signature of the physician. The inclusionary formulary is reviewed annually by a statutory committee of the Board. The current inclusionary formulary may be found on the Board's website: <http://www.ok.gov/nursing/prac-crnafrm.pdf>. Schedule II-V drugs may be selected, ordered, obtained, and administered if the CRNA has registered with the OBNDD and DEA. An agreement with a specific supervising physician is not required, but all CRNAs practice under the supervision of a medical doctor, an osteopathic physician, podiatric physician or a dentist under conditions in which timely onsite consultation is available. Orders written by the CRNA must include the name of the client; the date of the order; the full name of the drug, dosage, route, and specific directions for administration; and the signature of the CRNA.

Laws regarding prescriptive authority and authority to select, order, obtain, and administer drugs are complex and involve several different agencies. The advanced practice nurse with prescriptive authority and the CRNA with authority to select, order, obtain and administer drugs are encouraged to read all applicable statutes, rules, and policies carefully to ensure compliance.

PEER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

It is still close enough to the beginning of the New Year for some of us to remember the resolutions recently made. Many of us have assessed our progress (if any) toward last year's goals and have completed the agonizing task of self evaluation in the development of a new goal.

What if for 2007, we simply focus on a plan for better living? We...you and I... can, no matter what our circumstances create a better life for ourselves. The key is in our choosing. Whether we succeed in becoming whole as an individual depends a good deal on the families in which we grew up. But...whether we remain whole and continue to develop our potential depends on the family and other healthy support systems we develop for ourselves. If as the result of your self evaluation you discovered an unhealthy relationship with alcohol or other drugs, the Peer Assistance Program may be for you.

The Peer Assistance Program was established under the supervision of the Oklahoma Board of Nursing to provide a voluntary alternative to the disciplinary process for nurses who have abused alcohol or other drugs.

The Oklahoma Board of Nursing's mission is "to safeguard the public's health by ensuring that licensed nurses are qualified and competent to practice".

The Peer Assistance Program has an inherent mission and purpose of protecting the public by providing a structured monitoring program for the recovering nurse. In keeping with the mission to safeguard the public's health, the Peer Assistance Program simultaneously advocates for the participant to keep his or her nursing license by monitoring the progress of each participant.

Substance use disorders are "biopsychosocial" in nature, which means the disorder is influenced by a combination of biological, medical, psychological, emotional, social and environmental factors. This illness is primary, chronic, progressive and treatable. Alcohol or other drug use disorders usually dominate the individual's life, with

a profoundly negative impact on him/her and their families and friends. The individual who suffers with an alcohol or other drug use disorder may require *ongoing* treatment before reaching the final destination of recovery.

Although we do not blame anyone for having this illness, we do believe that once a person is aware they have this illness, he/she is responsible for getting the help needed. At the Peer Assistance Program we believe:

1. Patients under the care of a nurse are vulnerable by virtue of their illness and the dependent nature of the nurse-patient relationship.
2. Persons who are particularly vulnerable include the elderly, children, the mentally ill, sedated and anesthetized patients, patients whose mental or cognitive ability is compromised and patients who are disabled and immobilized. These patients are especially vulnerable given the level of vigilance demanded under the circumstances of their health condition.
3. Nurses who abuse alcohol or other drugs are at risk for impaired judgment while caring for patients and are at risk for harming patients.
4. Alcohol and other drug addictions are a treatable disease. Recovery is a process of learning sober living skills, new behaviors and attitudes.
5. Nurses who are in active recovery are better able to provide safe care to vulnerable patients.

The Peer Assistance Program offers a confidential, voluntary, structured program that facilitates a nurse's return to safe practice without formal disciplinary action. If you believe you could benefit from the support of the Peer Assistance Program, contact (405) 525-2277 to schedule an appointment for interview.

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Seeking Peer Assistance Committee Members

The program is currently looking for volunteers with expertise in chemical dependency in the Oklahoma City and Tulsa areas. The Board of Nursing appoints committee members for a three-year term. Their responsibilities include: determining acceptance of nurses into the program, developing the contract for participation with the nurse, determining when the nurse is ready to leave the program either

for successful completion or termination for noncompliance, and reporting terminations to the Board of Nursing. If you have expertise in chemical dependency, including program alumni, and would like more information about volunteering, please contact:

Laura Clarkson, RN, CARN
Peer Assistance Program Coordinator
2915 N. Classen Blvd., Suite 215
Oklahoma City, OK 73106

PROPOSED RULE REVISIONS APPROVED BY THE OKLAHOMA BOARD OF NURSING

At the January 2007 Board Meeting, the Board approved proposed rule revisions for the *Rules of the Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act*. These rules will go through the administrative rule-making process before becoming effective.

Several areas of the rules have been revised. The first area of revision is in the standards for nursing education programs. Definitions were added for clinical learning experiences, clinical skills laboratory, distance learning program, and preceptor were added. Terminology was revised to promote consistency and requirements for clinical skills laboratory and clinical learning experiences were clarified. Requirements for participating in clinical experiences in Oklahoma for Registered Nurses enrolled in out-of-state advanced practice educational programs were added.

Other revisions made are in the areas of requirements for licensure for Registered and Licensed Practical Nurses. A section allowing for licensure of non-nurses enrolled in master's degree in nursing programs prior to completion of the program was deleted, as this program is not currently offered in Oklahoma. Other revisions clarified requirements for applicants educated in foreign countries and in U.S. territories. In addition, revisions regarding requirements for notification of a name change were made. Another revision was made in Subchapter 13 to clarify that nurses employed in nurse administrative positions must hold Oklahoma licensure.

Minor revisions were made in sections addressing advanced practice nurses and prescriptive authority, including clarifying requirements for renewal, reinstatement, and return to active of advanced practice recognition and prescriptive authority. In addition, the specialty category for School Nurse Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (ARNP) was deleted since this certification examination is no longer offered.

Finally, revisions in Subchapter 19 address applicant qualifications and eligibility of those nurses referred to the Peer Assistance Program by the Board of Nursing. Nurses referred to the program by the Board do not have a current, unrestricted license. The license is not active until the nurse has been accepted into the program. When the nurse has been referred to the program by the Board, the license remains encumbered as successfully completing the program is a condition for maintaining the active license. The revision requires nurses entering the program whose licenses are not current to obtain a current license within a reasonable time frame.

The rule revisions may be reviewed on the Board's website: www.ok.gov/nursing/proprules07.pdf. If approved by the Governor and not disapproved by the Legislature, the rules will be effective in July, 2007.

The FY2006 Annual Report of the Oklahoma Board of Nursing has been published. To review the full Annual Report, please go to the Board's website: www.ok.gov/nursing/anrep06.pdf

On the following pages, a brief summary of statistical data is presented from the Annual Report.

FY 2006 SUMMARY REPORT
 2006 Report 2005 Report 2004 Report 2003 Report

	RN	LPN	RN	LPN	RN	LPN	RN	LPN
RESIDING IN OKLAHOMA								
Employed	24,504	12,196	*	*	23,189	12,136	23,601	12,143
Not Employed in Nursing	4,850	3,871	*	*	5,060	3,818	5,222	3,524
Employment Status Unknown	1,391	41	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	30,745	16,108	30,496	16,098	29,249	15,954	28,823	15,667
RESIDING OUT OF STATE								
Employed	3,504	709	*	*	2,330	532	2,298	545
Not Employed in Nursing	1,553	415	*	*	1,471	414	1,364	417
Employment Status Unknown	4	0	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	5,061	1,124	6,514	943	3,801	946	3,662	946
GRAND TOTAL	35,806	17,232	37,010	17,041	33,050	16,909	32,485	16,629

Average Age of Licensed Nurses	
Licensee Degree	Age
All Nurses	44
LPN	44
RN	44
Associate Degree in Nursing	44
Bachelor Degree in Nursing	40
Bachelor Degree Other	49
Masters Degree in Nursing	48
Masters Degree Other	51
Ph.D. in Nursing	52
Ph.D. in Other	53

Registered Nurses Residing and Licensed By Highest Degree Held	
Degree	Number
Associate Degree or Diploma	16,626
Bachelor's Degree in Nursing	9,493
Bachelor's Degree in Another Field	1,842
Master's Degree in Nursing	1,417
Master's Degree in Another Field	1,155
Doctorate in Nursing	39
Doctorate in Another Field	173

Registered and Licensed Practical Nurses Residing in Oklahoma and Employed in Nursing By Gender			
Gender	Male	Female	Total
Registered Nurse	1,845	22,659	24,504
Licensed Practical Nurse	707	11,489	12,196
Total	2,552	34,148	36,700

RN's and LPN's by Field of Employment		
	RN	LPN
Hospital	15,610	3,544
Long Term Care	1,222	3,622
School of Nursing	615	23
Home Health	1,645	1,284
Community Health	1,130	458
School Health	405	133
Occupational Health	130	100
Ambulatory Care	904	476
Private Practice	931	1,197
Case Management	376	93
Other	1,536	1,266
Total 2006	24,504	12,196

New Licenses Issued By Examination

	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	1 & 5 Yr Variance
Registered Nurse	968	1,133	1,216	1,239	1,527	↑23.2%/↑57.7%
Licensed Practical Nurse	968	1,006	997	1,205	1,187	↓1.4%/↑22.6%
Total	1,936	2,139	2,213	2,444	2,714	↑11%/↑40.1%

Initial Applications for Licensure by Endorsement

	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	1 & 5 Yr Variance
Registered Nurse	688	637	851	838	1,330	↑58.7%/↑93.3%
Licensed Practical Nurse	164	146	195	199	165	↓17%/↑0.6%
Total	852	783	1,046	1,037	1,495	↑44.1%/↑75.4%

Number of Advanced Practice Nurses Recognized in Oklahoma

	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	1 & 5 Yr Variance
ARNP	510	626	648	687	693	↑0.8%/↑35.8%
CNM	30	37	42	45	41	↓8.8%/↑36.6%
CNS	140	183	190	198	172	↓13.1%/↑22.8%
CRNA	409	414	437	472	499	↑5.7%/↑22%
TOTAL	1,089	1,260	1,317	1,402	1,405	↑0.2%/↑29%

Number of Advanced Practice Nurses with Prescriptive Authority

	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	1 & 5 Yr Variance
ARNP	346	441	*539	531	518	↓2.4%/↑49.7%
CNM	19	23	*21	26	25	↓3.8%/↑31.5%
CNS	23	47	*53	51	56	↑9.8%/↑143.4%
CRNA	58	78	*91	94	89	↓5.3%/↑53.4%
TOTAL	446	589	*704	702	688	↓1.9%/↑54.2%

OPEN MEETING NOTICE

All Oklahoma Board of Nursing meetings are open to the public except those portions which may be in Executive Session. The first day of Board meetings begins at 5:30 p.m., with the second and third day beginning at 8:00 a.m. All actions of the Board are taken in open session. Nurses, members of other professional disciplines, students and the public are invited to attend. Groups who plan to attend should schedule their attendance in advance with the Board office to ensure seating is available.

There is an Open Forum on the first day of each Board meeting. Anyone wishing to address the Board about a nursing issue should contact Kim Glazier, Executive Director, requesting to be placed on the agenda for the Open Forum.

Committee meetings are also open to the public. Please call ahead of time if you plan to attend as dates, times, and location may change. The committee meetings are cancelled and rescheduled if it is determined a quorum will not be present.

BOARD CALENDAR

<u>Meeting Dates</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Sites</u>
Oklahoma Board of Nursing	Mar 27, 28, 2007 May 29, 30, 31, 2007 July 17, 18, 19, 2007 Sept. 25, 26, 27, 2007 Nov. 13, 14, 15, 2007	Holiday Inn 2101 S. Meridian Oklahoma City, OK (405) 685-4000
Board Issues Meeting	Apr. 19, 20, 2007	Claremore, OK
Advanced Practice Advisory Committee	Mar. 13, 2007	Board Office
CRNA Formulary Advisory Council	Apr. 23, 2007	Board Office
Advanced Unlicensed Advisory Committee	May 10, 2007	Board Office
Formulary Advisory Council	Sept. 13, 2007	Board Office

BOARD MEMBERS

	Term Expires
Jackye Ward, MS, RN, President	2008
Louise Talley, Ph.D., RN, Vice-President	2009
Janice O'Fields, LPN, Secretary-Treasurer	2008
Teresa Frazier, RN, MS	2007
Melinda Laird, RN, MS	2010
Elizabeth Schultz, RN, CRNA	2011
Nettie Seale, RN, M.Ed.	2011
Linda Coyer, LPN	2007
Linda Martin, LPN	2011
Roy Watson, Ph.D., Public Member	Co-terminously w/Governor
Lee Kirk, M.Ed., Public Member	Co-terminously w/Governor

Summary of Board Activities

During the **July 2006** meeting, the Board:

- Accepted follow-up reports submitted by Bacone College, Muskogee; Rose State College, Midwest City; and Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma City and Goodwell. Requested a second follow-up report from Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma City and Goodwell, to be submitted by June 30, 2007.
- Approved a request for an online extended campus for Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma City and Goodwell, with the involvement of a consultant to work with the faculty on development.
- Approved curriculum change requests submitted by Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford, and Metro Technology Center, Oklahoma City.
- Approved revisions to *Nursing Education Programs with Extended and Multiple Campuses Policy*, #E-03.
- Approved revisions to *Guidelines for Nursing Education Programs Offering Non-Traditional Learning Options*, #E-08.
- Approved emergency Rule changes for 485: 10-7-2 and 485: 10-9-2.
- Accepted survey visit reports and granted continuing full approval to Western Oklahoma State College, campuses in Altus and Lawton; Red River Technology Center, Duncan; and Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee.

During the **September 2006** meeting, the Board:

- Approved FY2008 Budget Request and FY2008-2012 Strategic Plan.
- Rescinded *National Certifying Bodies Approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing Policy*, #P-52, and approved *National Certifying Bodies and APN Certification Examinations Approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing Policy*, #P-52A and #P-52B, to be effective December 1, 2006.
- Added the Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner certification examination and the Clinical Nurse Specialist Pediatric Nursing certification examination to the list of approved certification examinations
- Accepted annual reports submitted by nursing education programs. Requested that a follow-up report be submitted by Great Plains Technology Center regarding progress made towards meeting the survey visit recommendations.
- Accepted survey visit reports and granted continuing full approval to Pontotoc Technology Center, Ada; and Central Technology Center, Drumright and Sapulpa.
- Approved recommendations of the Provider Approval Committee.

During the **November 2006** meeting, the Board:

- Tabled decision on request of Declaratory Ruling on laser hair removal.
- Approved *Board Document Definitions Policy*, #P-20.
- Accepted follow-up report submitted by Oklahoma State University, Okmulgee.
- Approved curriculum change requests submitted by Oklahoma State University, Okmulgee; and Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma City.
- Accepted focus survey visit report for Southern Nazarene University, Bethany. Granted full approval to the program through Spring 2011
- Approved a request to offer an online program for beginning nursing students from Rose State College, Midwest City and Internet-Based Program.
- Reviewed information provided by Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Alva, Enid, and Woodward; and granted full approval status to the program until Spring 2008.
- Reviewed survey visit reports and granted continuing full approval status to Langston University, Langston and Tulsa; and Moore Norman Technology Center, Norman.
- Approved revisions to *Body Fluid Testing Guidelines*, #PA-03 and #I-09; and *Laboratory Approval Criteria for Body Fluid Testing*, #PA-04 and #I-08.

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