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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Congratulations to those who recently graduated from schools of nursing across Oklahoma. Welcome to the profession of nursing! Here are some thoughts about nursing I have found useful in my nursing practice, and I hope you do as well.

The business of nursing is about people. Nursing is of, by, about, and for people. It is ultimately how we are with people that makes all the difference in whether or not we find satisfaction within the context of our nursing career. Much of the psychological, emotional and physical well-being of other people is dependent on us and how favorably we create the safe practice and the environment in the health care setting with our patients.

If indeed you feel these responsibilities as well, think about this quote from Dr. Louis Pasteur, "Chance favors the prepared mind". When I think about this word "chance", possibility comes to mind; the possibility of a particular outcome in an uncertain situation. As nurses it is unlikely we can predict every event that will occur in our practice settings. However, the edu-

cational background we have that affords the basis of our knowledge, coupled with clinical practice experiences, prepares us to take on many possibilities.

My experience suggests we have no way to know what bit of knowledge may change a nurse's life or the course of his or her academic or professional development. At some time during the process of education and then in practice, all nurses must develop and use skills which we refer to these days as critical thinking. During the educational process nursing students are given these specific tools necessary to recognize observations and possibilities that are worthy of further analysis. Within the discipline of nursing, one must possess a certain level of concrete knowledge to serve as a framework of possibilities for nursing care. Without that framework, critical thinking cannot be applied effectively. The nursing process also is an organized way of thinking critically about the plan of intervention we take with our patients.

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How do we keep our minds prepared for all the possibilities we face in our nursing practice? Continuing education is, of course, one avenue. Reading current journals and research articles, participating in our professional organization, and attending conferences all facilitate our preparedness. Also, engaging our colleagues in consultation is an avenue of preparing ourselves for possibility. However, it is paramount that nurses regularly review the scope of nursing practice

according to the law. The *Oklahoma Nurse Practice Act* is the source for nurses who have questions about current practice issues for any setting. The Oklahoma Board of Nursing (OBN) staff are available to answer your questions at (405) 962-1800 or visit our web site at www.ok.gov/nursing. Also, review the OBN Rules for the latest changes that affect your nursing practice.

Alternative To Discipline For Chemically Dependent Nurses: The Peer Assistance Program

A Comparison of Two Cases

Case One: A registered nurse is discovered in the bathroom at her place of employment injecting Demerol and is terminated by her employer for theft. She is aware that the Board of Nursing has a confidential program for nurses with a chemical dependency problem and contacts the program for assistance the next day. She makes application to the program, is accepted and successfully completes the minimum two year program.

Case Two: A registered nurse is discovered taking drugs from the workplace for her own personal use. She is terminated from her job for theft. The employer makes a report to the Board of Nursing. The nurse is contacted by an investigator from the Board of Nursing and agrees to a Stipulated Order that refers her to the Peer Assistance Program. The nurse makes application to the program, is accepted, and successfully completes the minimum two year program.

These two cases are very similar, but there is one important difference. In Case One, the nurse contacted the program on her own and her participation in the program was confidential. The Stipulated Order referring the nurse in Case Two to the Peer Assistance Program becomes part of the licensed nurse's

public open record. It is considered a final adverse action and is reported to the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB).

The Peer Assistance Program

The Peer Assistance Program was established under the supervision of the Board of Nursing to provide a voluntary alternative to the disciplinary process for nurses who have abused alcohol or drugs. The Board's purpose is protection of the public. The Peer Assistance Program supports this purpose by providing a structured monitoring program for the recovering nurse.

Each program participant is responsible for developing an individual contract with a Peer Assistance Committee (PAC). Contract components include: treatment, random drug screens, employment conditions, meeting attendance, monitoring requirements, reports and other information. The PAC meets with the participants on a periodic basis to evaluate progress in recovery.

If you or a nurse you know has a problem with alcohol/drug abuse, contact the Peer Assistance Program for confidential assistance. The office is open Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **(405) 525-2277**.

New Fee Schedule Approved

A new fee schedule for the Oklahoma Board of Nursing was recently approved by the Governor after going through an administrative rulemaking process. Many of the new fees were effective July 1, 2005; however, new renewal fees will not take effect until January 1, 2006.

Of particular interest to licensed nurses are changes in renewal fees. Effective January 1, 2006, the fee for renewing a nursing license will be \$75.00. Although this is an increase, it is important to note that the last renewal increase occurred in 2000 and remains one of the lowest renewal fees for nurses.

Other fee changes include an increase in the fee for initial application for licensure by endorsement or examination, an increase in fees for advanced practice recognition and prescriptive authority, and new fees for issuance of a temporary license and for written verification of licensure status. Please see Table 1 for a list of all fee changes.

This is the first time in five years that the Board has submitted a request for fee increases. The new fee

structure will provide the Board with the necessary funding to serve the public by regulating nursing practice. An analysis of outcomes reveals that the work of the Board has significantly increased in the last five years, including increases in the investigative caseload, the number of applications processed, and the number of nurses in the Peer Assistance Program. At the same time, the Board has implemented requirements for a criminal history records search for all initial applicants for licensure and for a review of continuing qualifications for practice for nurses returning to the field. While these changes have helped ensure the safety of the public, they have significantly impacted the workload of the Board office and have necessitated an increase of personnel.

The Oklahoma Board of Nursing will continue to operate efficiently to ensure that fees for Oklahoma nurses remain reasonable. At the same time, the Board will carefully consider the services provided to facilitate public safety through the regulation of nursing practice and nursing education.

Table 1: Oklahoma Board of Nursing Fees

485:10-3 Fees

(a) Fee Schedule.

- (1) Initial applications.** The following fees shall be charged by the Board of Nursing for initial applications:
 - (A) Registered Nurse/Licensed Practical Nursing**
 - (i) Licensure examination fee—\$85.00
 - (ii) Endorsement fee—\$85.00
 - (iii) Education equivalence evaluation fee—\$40.00
 - (iv) Cost of national examination
 - (v) RN examination challenge of results fee—\$200.00
 - (vi) LPN examination challenge of results fee—\$125.00
 - (vii) Examination review fee—\$90.00
 - (B) Advanced Unlicensed Assistive Person**
 - (i) Certification examination fee—\$20.00
 - (ii) Cost of examination
 - (C) Advanced Practice Nurses**
 - (i) Recognition fee—\$70.00

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- (ii) Temporary recognition fee—\$10.00
 - (iii) Prescriptive authority fee—\$85.00
 - (iv) Authority to order, select, obtain, and administer drugs—\$85.00
- (2) **Renewal.** The following fees shall be charged in accordance to the biennial licensure/certificate/recognition renewal schedule established by the Board:
- (A) Registered Nurse/Licensed Practical Nurse license—\$75.00 effective January 1, 2006
 - (B) Advanced Unlicensed Assistive Person certificate—\$25.00 effective January 1, 2006
 - (C) Advanced Practice Nurse recognition—\$40.00
 - (D) Prescriptive authority—\$40.00
 - (E) Authority to order, select, obtain and administer drugs—\$40.00
 - (F) Reinstatement of lapsed certificate/recognition—renewal fee(s) + \$40.00
 - (G) Return to active—renewal fee(s) + \$40.00
- (3) **Miscellaneous fees.** The following miscellaneous fees shall be changed by the Board:
- (A) Transcripts from closed schools of nursing—\$15.00
 - (B) Duplication or modification of license/certificate/recognition—\$40.00
 - (C) Certified verification of license/certificate/recognition—\$40.00
 - (D) Written verification of status of license/certificate/recognition—\$10.00 per name
 - (E) Supervisory Physician—\$10.00 per name change
 - (F) Requested review of contact hours for Prescriptive Authority—\$70.00
 - (G) Corporation certificate—\$15.00
 - (H) Certificate for framing—\$15.00
 - (I) Insufficient funds processing fee— \$25.00
 - (J) Facsimile (Fax) fee (per page) — \$1.00
 - (H) Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act, Rules—\$15.00
- (4) **Public access, open records.** The following public access, open records fees shall be charged by the Board:
- (A) Certification of public records (per page) — \$1.00
 - (B) Duplication of public records (per page—\$0.25
 - (C) Computer address list—\$0.01/record + \$4.50/1000 labels + postage, \$40.00 minimum charge
 - (D) Staff research time, when available (per hour) — \$20.00
 - (E) Computer research time, when available (per hour) — \$100.00
- (b) **Submission of fees.**
- (1) All fees assessed by the Board as set out in the fee schedule in (a) of this section shall be received prior to processing an application for licensure, certification or recognition.
 - (2) All fees are non-refundable.

Scope of Practice Issues

The Oklahoma Board of Nursing (Board) receives numerous telephone calls and e-mail questions regarding the scope of practice for nurses and where to find the “list” of procedures that can be performed. The *Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act* (ONPA) was enacted by the Oklahoma State Legislature and it defines a scope of practice that is broadly-stated. Specific skills/procedures licensed nurses may or may not perform are not identified in the *Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act*, since practice is constantly evolving and a list of specific skills/procedures would soon become outdated.

The Board has approved policies and guidelines and issued position statements to provide clarification and guidance to nurses regarding some specific procedures. Among the types of skills and procedures addressed by Board policies/guidelines are IV therapy by LPNs, conscious sedation, patient assessment, wound debridement, epidural medications, and limited

ultrasound. In addition, the Board approved *A Decision-Making Model for Determining RN/LPN Scope of Practice — Model for Scope of Nursing Practice Decisions* to assist nurses in determining scope of practice issues for other procedures or functions. The decision-making model is a helpful resource to licensed nurses in determining a **personal scope of practice** based on evaluation/review of standards of practice of a national organization, positive and conclusive data in nursing literature and research, and appropriately established policy and procedure of the employing facility.

The ONPA and approved Guidelines (including the Decision Making Model, Policies, and Position Statements) may be accessed through the Board’s website at: www.ok.gov/nursing. See the list of “Online Resources” to link to the ONPA and the guidelines.

Requirement for Certifying Examinations for Clinical Nurse Specialists Addressed in Rules

New rules for certifying body examinations for Clinical Nurse Specialists were approved by the Governor and took effect July 1, 2005. These rules require that certification examinations be offered by a certification credentialing body approved by the Board. The approved certification credentialing body must verify that the certification examination meets the following criteria:

- 1) Measures theoretical and clinical content based on the scope of practice in the specialty area;
- 2) Developed in accordance with generally accepted standards of validity and reliability;
- 3) Open only to licensed or credentialed health care professionals; and
- 4) Based upon national standards of practice for the specialty area.

These criteria will assist Board staff in the evaluation of applications for recognition of Clinical Nurse Specialists. Clinical Nurse Specialists are prepared with master’s degrees in nursing and perform at an advanced practice level, practicing as expert clinicians in the provision of direct nursing care to a selected population of clients in a variety of settings. Their practice includes managing the care of clients with complex health problems, enhancing client care by integrating competencies of clinical practice, education, consultation, and research; and referring clients to other services (*Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act*, 2003). Clinical Nurse Specialists with additional pharmacologic education specific to their specialty area are eligible to apply for prescriptive authority.

Time Limit Established for Completion of NCLEX After Graduation

New rules impacting candidates for licensure by examination went into effect July 1, 2005. These rules state that the candidate must take and pass the licensure examination within two years after graduating from the nursing education program. If the candidate does not take or pass the examination within that time period, he/she must complete additional education in a board-approved refresher course or nursing education program. At this time, the Board has approved two refresher courses in Oklahoma. One is through Moore Norman Technology Center and the other is offered through a partnership of the University of Oklahoma College of Nursing and the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education.

Candidates who fail the NCLEX examination are allowed to re-take the examination after 45 days. This policy provides the candidate ample opportunity to take and pass the examination within the first two years after graduation. However, it is important for graduates to recognize they have a responsibility to

take the examination at the earliest opportunity, after ensuring they are well-prepared. The new requirement establishing a time limit was added to ensure that candidates approved for licensure have current nursing knowledge and skills, either through recent completion of an approved nursing education program or through a recent update on nursing practice and an evaluation of clinical practice skills by a qualified faculty member.

Prior to July 1, 2005, candidates were able to apply to take the NCLEX examination at any time after graduation, even several years after completing the educational program. By submitting this rule for approval, the Board affirmed the essential role of recent clinical practice, supervised and evaluated by qualified nursing faculty, prior to licensure. This clinical practice, in partnership with passing the NCLEX examination, ensures that newly licensed nurses are prepared to practice effectively at an entry level.

New Requirements for Out-of-State Nursing Programs Completing Clinical Experiences in Oklahoma

New rules impacting out-of-state programs completing clinical experiences in Oklahoma took effect July 1, 2005, ensuring that students caring for clients in the Oklahoma health care system are prepared to provide safe and effective care.

The new requirements state that nursing programs leading to initial licensure that wish to conduct clinical experiences in Oklahoma must obtain prior permission from the Board. To apply for permission from the Board, the program must submit a letter of request to the Board and provide evidence that the following standards will be met:

- (1) The program must be on full approval status with the board of nursing in another member board jurisdiction;
- (2) The program will provide for supervision of students while in the clinical area by a nursing faculty member licensed in Oklahoma;

- (3) A written clinical affiliation agreement with the clinical facility will be in place; and
- (4) If precepted clinical experiences are requested, the program must ensure they are conducted in accordance with the Board's policy.

These rules ensure that students completing clinical experiences in Oklahoma are appropriately supervised and are enrolled in programs meeting minimum standards. The rules will not impact RN-BSN programs or master's level programs that only enroll students already licensed as registered nurses.

Oklahoma health care facilities and/or agencies approached by out-of-state programs to obtain approval for clinical experiences should request a copy of the letter of permission sent to the program by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing.

Renewal Process Goes Totally Online in January

For the last two years, Oklahoma nurses have been able to renew their licenses online by logging on to the Board’s website: www.ok.gov/nursing. Renewal requests are transmitted to the Board office on the next business day and can usually be processed that same day, after a review to ensure requirements are met. Over this time period, this online license renewal service has proven to be efficient and effective.

Beginning with the next registered nurse renewal cycle, all renewals must be completed online. At this time, only two types of renewal applications are not available online: the renewal application for the advanced unlicensed assistant and the renewal application for prescriptive authority. Board staff is working with the state contractor to add these renewal applications to the online system.

Other changes are being made to prepare for a totally online renewal process. In accordance with the state’s security policy, new procedures will be implemented related to the use of the personal identification number (PIN). While nurses will initially receive a PIN in the mail, after the nurse has successfully logged into the application, he/she will be prompted that the PIN must be changed to meet the state's security policy. The nurse will provide an e-mail address to receive an e-mail message containing a link to a web-

site. This website allows the nurse to select two security questions and reset the PIN to a combination of letters and numbers known only to the nurse. Once a new PIN has been selected, the nurse can then complete the renewal process. To renew, the nurse must provide a current license number and a MasterCard, Visa or checking account number.

Licensed practical nurses and advanced unlicensed assistants will continue to receive hard copy renewals for the remainder of 2005. Beginning with the registered nurse renewal cycle, the Board office will simply send a renewal reminder approximately three months before the license expires. To ensure the reminder is received, it is essential that nurses notify the Board office of any change of address within 30 days of the address change. The first set of registered nurse renewal reminders will be mailed in November 2005, for registered nurses with January birthdates.

Please note that, by state law, nurses must be compliant with Oklahoma state income tax laws to be eligible to hold a nursing license [68 O.S §238.1]. Nurses who do not meet this requirement will not be allowed to renew until the Board is notified in writing by the Oklahoma Tax Commission that the nurse has come into compliance.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

I need to report my change of address to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing:

Check here if 2nd Renewal Application is requested _____

Address changes may also be made on the Board’s website.

CERTIFICATE NUMBER _____ or SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____

NAME _____ SIGNATURE (required) _____

NEW ADDRESS _____

OLD ADDRESS _____

In accordance with OAC 485:10-7-9 & 10-9-9, it is the legal duty of a licensed nurse to notify the Oklahoma Board of Nursing of a change of address in writing within 30 days of the change.

OKLAHOMA BOARD OF NURSING
FIRST TIME NCLEX-RN CANDIDATE PASS RATE (Percent by Calendar Year)

NURSING PROGRAM	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2001	2002	2003	2004	#2004 Candidates
Bacone College	81%	80%	67.7%	80.8%	76%	81.8%	61.11%	68.75%	58.82%	17
Carl Albert State College	88%	92.86%	84.8%	92.6%	78.8%	85%	94.74%	90.24%	100%	27
Connors State College, Warner	96%	87.23%	87.2%	85.4%	91.4%	87	94.44%	77.27%	77.78%	18
Connors State College, Muskogee						100%	100%	87.5%	78.79%	33
East Central University, Ada	97%	87.1%	97.3%	100%	91.9%	100%	91.67%	91.30%	82.05%	39
East Central University, Durant								81.82%	100%	6
Eastern Okla State College, Wilburton	89%	84.21%	94.3%	61.9%	85.4%	52.9%	76.47%	93.75%	52.38%	21
Eastern Okla State College, McAlester						61.1%		100%		
Eastern Okla State College, Idabel						81.8%	84.62%	86.96%	81.82%	11
Langston University, Langston	96%	86.96%	77.5%	77.6%	84.4%	53.3%	42.86%	100%	100%	5
Langston University, Tulsa						85.7%	81.25%	71.43%	78.94%	38
Murray State College	91%	86.11%	87.5%	86.5%	71.1%	73.2%	66.67%	96%	85.71%	28
Northeastern OK A&M College, Miami	91%	97.83%	84.8%	78.6%	78.1%	62.5%	90%	92.86%	89.58%	48
Northern Oklahoma College, Tonkawa	97%	98%	86%	89.1%	98%	100%	90%	92.86%	90%	20
Northern Oklahoma College, Enid						95%	78.26%	85%	89.66%	29
Northern Oklahoma College, Stillwater								100%	100%	5
Northwestern OK State University, Alva	95%	78.57%	73.7%	71.4%	87.5%	75%	100%	33.33%	66.67%	12
Northwestern OK State University, Enid						83.33%	83.33%	100%	88.89%	9
Okla Baptist University	100%	90%	92.9%	93.1%	95.7%	96.3%	94.74%	93.33%	86.96%	23
Oklahoma City Community College	91%	85.15%	90.6%	78.6%	68.6%	85.2%	85.86%	89%	86.61%	112
Okla City University	63%	60.87%	82.4%	90%	70.59%	77.8%	63.64%	58%	57.89%	19
Okla State University, OKC	92%	89.9%	91%	76.9%	71.69%	86.9%	88.41%	86%	81.61%	87
Okla State University, Goodwell						100%	83.33%	100%	83.33%	6
Oral Roberts University	90%	88.89%	73.7%	56.3%	83.3%	80%	86.67%	83%	74.07%	27

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FIRST TIME NCLEX-RN CANDIDATE PASS RATE (Percent by Calendar Year)**

NURSING PROGRAM	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	#2004 Candidates
Redlands Community College	92%	78.43%	92.16%	85%	82.6%	64.3%	90.3%	84.62%	88.89%	69.49%	59
Redlands Community College, Mercy										100%	2
Rogers State University	95%	87.5%	92.59%	94.6%	86%	92.3%	97.4%	97.14%	92.5%	86.96%	46
Rose State College, Midwest City	92.94%	92.94%	86.11%	92.4%	83.8%	81.3%	90%	77.42%	87.01%	87.36%	87
Rose State College—Internet Program							87.5%	81.25%	93.1%	93.55%	31
Seminole State College	95.24%	93.1%	100%	95.2%	95.7%	88%	100%	77.78%	84.21%	88%	25
Southern Nazarene University	94%	82.35%	81.25%	84.6%	92.9%	93.3%	57.10%		66.67%	50%	14
Southwestern OK State University	93%	86.21%	84.62%	86.2%	92.3%	65.2%	100%	100%	82.35%	90%	20
Tulsa Community College	92.91%	90.74%	93.68%	91.3%	69.6%	80.8%	79.50%	86.30%	85.86%	92.78%	97
University of Central Oklahoma	97%	83.58%	96.55%	86.9%	87.9%	87.9%	86.1%	83.61%	78.85%	90.91%	66
University of Oklahoma, Mercy								50%	N/A		
University of Oklahoma, OKC	83.8%	82%	89.83%	89.01%	80.5%	88.6%	91.60%	84.21%	86.32%	83.48%	115
University of Oklahoma, Tulsa						100%	100%	100%	100%	96.15%	26
University of Oklahoma, Lawton				100%	82.4%	71.42%	88.57%	78.13%	96%	90.63%	32
University of Oklahoma, Woodward/Enid						77.77%	100%	80%	100%	100%	2
University of Tulsa	97%	82.59%	83.33%	89.7%	92%	86.2%	94.4%	82.35%	88.24%	53.33%	15
Western Oklahoma State College	89.47%	100%	100%	90.5%	82.4%	82.4%	95.8%	90.91%	91.67%	81.25%	32
Oklahoma Pass Rate	91.87%	88.65%	89.52%	87.71%	81.65%	80.94%	84.92%	83.92%	86.36%	86.68%	1,311
National Pass Rate	90.39%	88%	87.79%	85.02%	84.79%	83.84%	85.53%	86.66%	87.01%	85.26%	87,173

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FIRST TIME NCLEX-LPN CANDIDATE PASS RATE (Percent by Calendar Year)												
NURSING PROGRAMS	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	#2004 Candidates	
Autry Technology Center	91.7%	100%	85.71%	100%	85.7%	90.5%	80%	95.24%	93.75%	100%	23	
Caddo-Kiowa Technology Center	96%	95.5%	84.62%	80%	91.3%	83.3%	86.7%	90%	95.83%	100%	17	
Canadian Valley Technology, Chickasha	86%	100%	76.47%	84.2%	70.6%	92.9%	100%	100%	100%	100%	14	
Canadian Valley Technology, El Reno	95%	66.7%	80.95%	71.4%	100%	100%	100%	88.89%	82.35%	100%	21	
Central Technology Ctr, Sapulpa/Drumright	100%	97.3%	100%	82.5%	86.5%	92%	95.8%	87.1%	100%	95%	20	
Central Technology Ctr, Drumright Part-time										68.42%	19	
Chisholm Trail Technology Center	91%	84.6%	100%	100%	90%	88.9%	80%	100%	100%	100%	9	
DeMarge College		75%	76.47%	86.7%	79.5%	68.2%	73.1%	66.67%	73.33%	89.29%	56	
Equivalency (Air Force) *				100%	83.3%	85.7%	100%	100%	56.25%	85.71%	7	
Francis Tuttle Technology Center	96%	96.6%	96.15%	95.5%	88.9%	78.6%	80%	88%	96.97%	94.44%	36	
Gordon Cooper Technology Center	100%	95.8%	82.35%	87%	85%	87%	100%	77.27%	80.95%	86.36%	22	
Great Plains Technology Center, Lawton	98%	92%	93.33%	92.5%	81.7%	82.9%	84.2%	90.57%	90.91%	96.15%	52	
Great Plains Technology Center, Frederick									69.23%	62.5%	8	
Green Country Technology Center	100%	93.8%	77.78%	88.2%	86.7%	73.3%	58.3%	69.23%	90.91%	83.33%	18	
High Plains Technology Center	100%	95.5%	78.57%	87.5%	89.5%	68.2%	53.3%	68.42%	94.12%	81.82%	11	
Indian Capital Technology Center, Tahlequah	100%	100%	90.48%	90%	70.6%	100%	100%	84.62%	90%	100%	11	
Indian Capital Technology Center, Muskogee	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	90.91%	100%	13	
Indian Capital Technology Center, Sallisaw	100%	100%	95.24%	72.7%	100%	100%	80%	100%	87.5%	93.33%	15	
Indian Capital Technology Center, Stilwell					85.7%	100%	80%	71.43%	66.67%	100%	11	
Kiamichi Technology Center, Atoka						60%		66.67%	N/A	91.3%	23	
Kiamichi Technology Center, Durant	96%	100%	95.83%	95.5%	95.2%	87%	95.2%	90.32%	94.74%	89.29%	28	
Kiamichi Technology Center, Hugo	95%	85.7%	100%	87%	79.2%	85%	76.5%	94.44%	95.24%	95.24%	21	
Kiamichi Technology Center, Idabel	100%	95%	95.45%	86.4%	95.7%	86.7%	100%	93.75%	100%	100%	20	
Kiamichi Technology Center, McAlester	91%	91.7%	95.83%	100%	100%	100%	90.9%	100%	88.89%	100%	20	
Kiamichi Technology Center, Poteau	100%	95.7%	95.83%	90.5%	100%	95.8%	78.3%	80.95%	91.3%	100%	19	
Kiamichi Technology Center, Stigler						90%		92.31%	N/A	100	11	
Kiamichi Technology Center, Talihina	79%	91.3%	81.82%	71.4%		70%	100%	88.89%	N/A	90%	10	

* Prior to 2003, the Equivalency category included both Army and Air Force medics who met the Board's requirements. Army medics are now listed as graduates of the Army's state-approved practical nursing program, and are no longer in the report on equivalencies.

OKLAHOMA BOARD OF NURSING												
FIRST TIME NCLEX-LPN CANDIDATE PASS RATE (Percent by Calendar Year)												
NURSING PROGRAM	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	#2004 Candidates	
Meridian Technology Center	90%	96.8%	87.5%	96.3%	87%	88.2%	84.6%	70%	90.63%	90%	10	
Metro Technology Center	82%	85.1%	80.95%	82.8%	73.9%	83.3%	78.9%	90.91%	82.61%	90%	30	
Mid-America Technology Center	88%	100%	86.96%	100%	75.9%	100%	86.7%	90.91%	79.17%	91.3%	23	
Mid-Del Technology Center	81%	88.2%	94.74%	100%	81.3%	86.67%	78.6%	57.14%	88.89%	85.71%	7	
Moore Norman Technology Center	96.2%	86%	95.83%	88.6%	90.7%	90%	71.4%	89.47%	90.7%	87.88%	33	
Northeast Technology Center, Afton	86.7%	94.4%	95.24%	94.1%	94.4%	100%	81.3%	93.3%	95.45%	91.67%	12	
Northeast Technology Center, Kansas		77.88%	84.62%	92.3%	75%	61.1%	93.3%	84.61%	71.43%	85.71%	7	
Northeast Technology Center, Pryor	84.6%	85.7%	77.27%	80%	85.7%	82.4%	95.7%	100%	91.3%	100%	3	
Pioneer Technology Center	82.4%	86.4%	77.27%	76.2%	76%	88.9%	81.3%	100%	94.12%	100%	2	
Platt College, OKC			86.8%	82.7%	79.2%	81.3%	79.2%	72.73%	84%	77.36%	53	
Platt College, Tulsa		72.7%	55.56%	60%	92.6%	95%	94.3%	87.88%	86.15%	90.77%	65	
Platt College, Lawton			68.18%	67.7%	86.7%	78.3%	76.7%	70.27%	93.55%	86.49%	37	
Pontotoc Technology Center	93.3%	92.9%	66.67%	79.2%	78.3%	70.8%	81%	79.17%	81.48%	80.77%	26	
RN Educated Partial RN Completion **	96.7%	97.4%	97.2%	96.7%	96%	96.2%	96.2%	96.9%	98.57%	94.96%	119	
RN Failure Taking PN **									97.3%	95.65%	23	
Red River Technology Center	90.5%	100%	100%	95%	85%	100%	87.5%	100%	79.17%	100%	21	
Southern Oklahoma Technology Center	93.3%	93.6%	93.62%	84.4%	81.4%	82.1%	100%	93.75%	78.575	100%	16	
Southwest Technology Center	100%	91.3%	95.45%	95.7%	96%	90.9%	79.2%	91.67%	82.61%	92%	25	
Tri County Technology Center	92.9%	92.6%	84.85%	73.7%	79.2%	93.1%	96.3%	80%	97.14%	96%	25	
Tulsa Technology Center	90.6%	100%	96%	95.7%	85.7%	92.9%	95%	80.56%	88.57%	84.62%	39	
Tulsa Technology Center, St. Francis									100%	100%	11	
Tulsa Technology Center, Hillcrest										100%	2	
Tulsa Technology Center, St. John's										100%	8	
Wes Watkins Technology Center	100%	100%	100%	94.4%	69.2%	87%	100%	100%	100%	92.86%	14	
Western Technology Center	93.3%	100%	96.67%	96.8%	86.7%	70.8%	65.4%	90.48%	94.44%	100%	14	
Oklahoma Pass Rate	94.1%	93.8%	90.22%	88.61%	87.4%	87.12%	86.41%	86.07%	89.21%	91.81%	1,160	
National Pass Rate	90.7%	90.5%	88.69%	88.69%	86.32%	85.1%	86.46%	86.5%	88.21%	89.36%	49,284	

** Prior to 2003 partial RN program completers and RN failures taking the NCLEX-PN were reported together under one heading.

Orientation to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing for Licensed Nurses

What The Oklahoma Board of Nursing is presenting a workshop entitled *Orientation to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing for Licensed Nurses*. Topics include the functions of the Board, the Peer Assistance Program, nursing practice and advanced practice issues, the Board’s role in the regulation of nursing education, licensure issues, and the investigative process.

When Date: Wednesday, October 19, 2005
Registration/Check-In: 8:30 a.m.—9:00 a.m.
Workshop Hours: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Where Mercy Conference Center
Mercy Health Center
4300 West Memorial Road
Oklahoma City, OK 73120

Cost \$35.00 registration fee includes all workshop materials and breaks. Advanced registration is required. Your registration must be received in the Board office on or before October 1, 2005. Confirmation of receipt of registration and directions to the facility will be mailed to you.

Questions Contact Louise Drake, RN, MHR, at (405) 962-1800.

Registration Form

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Name _____ Area Code/Phone # _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

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Registration Fee: \$35.00 Make checks payable to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing.

**Mail Registration
Form and Fee to:** Attention: Joan Misenheimer
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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 meeting 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

Meetings	Dates	Sites
Oklahoma Board of Nursing	July 26, 27 & 28, 2005 Sept. 27, 28 & 29, 2005 Nov. 15, 16 & 17, 2005	Holiday Inn 2101 S. Meridian Oklahoma City, OK (405) 685-4000
Nursing Education and Practice Advisory Committee	October 10, 2005 @ 1:30 p.m.	Board office
Advanced Practice Advisory Committee	TBA	

Summary of Board Activities

During the **January 2005** meeting, the Board:

- Approved revisions to the following policies:
 - o *Information for Bulletins and Catalogues of Nursing Education Programs*
 - o *Discipline Guidelines*
 - o *Administrative Provisions to be Included in All Probation Orders Unless Specified Otherwise by the Board*
 - o *NCLEX or AUA Certification Candidates with History of Arrest/Conviction Policy*
- Rescinded *Approval of Pharmacology Academic/Contact Hours/ Equivalencies for Prescriptive Authority for the Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner, Certified Nurse Midwife, and Clinical Nurse Specialist*
- Reappointed Jayne Oertle, MSN, RNC, CARN, to the Peer Assistance Committee
- Appointed Tim Castoe, RN, to the Peer Assistance Committee
- Adopted proposed rule changes
- Elected C. Foust as Board president, J. Ward as Vice-President, and H. Sharp as Secretary
- Rescinded Interpretive Rule #1 and issued a Declaratory Ruling on the administration of digital blocks, pudendal blocks in the intrapartum or immediate postpartum period and penile blocks for purposes of circumcision by Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners and Certified Nurse Midwives.
- Approved requests from the following nursing education programs:
 - o Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, Miami – request to offer an extended campus LPN-RN fast track program in Grove
 - o University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, Tulsa and Lawton campuses – request to offer an online program for LPN-BSN students enrolled in the career mobility track and students with another bachelor's degree enrolled in the accelerated BSN program
 - o Kiamichi Technology Center, Atoka – request to offer an additional program on the same campus
- Accepted survey visit reports and continued the full approval status of the following programs for five years:
 - o Northeast Technology Center, campuses in Afton, Pryor, and Kansas
 - o Meridian Technology Center, Stillwater
 - o Oklahoma City Community College, Oklahoma City

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0 Connors State College, campuses in Warner and Muskogee

During the **March 2005** meeting, the Board:

- Appointed Pat Saslow, RN, ARNP, Susan Jones, RN, CNS, Lynne Burson, RN, CNM, Lauri Paul, RN, ARNP, and Janet Kristic, RN, CNS to the Advanced Practice Advisory Committee
- Approved *Determining Appropriate Faculty to Student Ratios in the Clinical Area in Board-Approved Nursing Education Program Guidelines*
- Reviewed a letter of concern received on the Saint Francis Hospital Advanced Unlicensed Assistant Program, Tulsa, and requested quarterly reports from the program for a period of 12 months
- Accepted a survey visit report and continued the full approval status of Tulsa Community College, Tulsa, for five years
- Accepted a follow-up report from Southern Nazarene University, Bethany, on their 2003 NCLEX pass rate
- Approved a curriculum change request from Southern Nazarene University, Bethany
- Approved the Step I application request for a new LPN-RN nursing education program at Platt College, Tulsa
- Appointed Debra Stoll, RN, CADC, to the Peer Assistance Committee
- Approved applications for Peer Assistance Program Providers from Lana Bolhouse, PhD, RN, Nicholas Gould, DMin, RNC, LMFT, Rickeal Blue Preston, MS, LBP, and Patricia Darlington, PhD

During the **May 2005** meeting, the Board:

- Approved revisions to *Successful Completion of Peer Assistance Program Guidelines*, *CRNA Inclusionary Formulary*, and *Approved Skills List for Performance by Board-Certified Advanced Unlicensed Assistants*
- Approved *Peer Assistance Program Return to Work Criteria*
- Appointed Jana Butcher, ARNP, to the Advanced Practice Advisory Committee
- Reappointed Pam Price-Hoskins, PhD, RN, Suzanne Cannon, LPC, CADC, and Betty Reynolds, RNC to the Peer Assistance Committee
- Accepted recommendations of the Board Committee to Review NCLEX Pass Rate Reports regarding actions to be taken for nursing education programs with a 2004 NCLEX pass rate ten (10) percentage points or more below the national average:
 - 0 Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City
 - 0 Central Technology Center, Drumright
 - 0 Platt College, Oklahoma City
 - 0 Eastern Oklahoma State College, Wilburton
 - 0 Redlands Community College, El Reno
 - 0 Oral Roberts University, Tulsa
 - 0 Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Alva
 - 0 University of Tulsa, Tulsa
- Rejected recommendations of the Board Committee to Review NCLEX Pass Rate Reports regarding actions to be taken for Southern Nazarene University, Bethany, and Bacone College, Muskogee, and scheduled the programs for hearings at the July 2005 meeting
- Accepted a survey visit report and granted initial full approval status to Platt College-North (A.D.N. Program), Oklahoma City, for three years
- Approved the Step II application request for a new LPN-RN nursing education program at Platt College, Tulsa, and granted provisional approval to the program

**Disciplinary actions taken by the
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