

# OKLAHOMA BOARD OF NURSING NEWSLETTER

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## NEW IMMIGRATION BILL IMPACTS LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

A bill passed by the Oklahoma Legislature in 2007 will have significant impact on licensure of individuals who are not United States (U.S.) citizens. House Bill 1804, entitled the Oklahoma Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act of 2007, seeks to “discourage illegal immigration by requiring all agencies within this state to fully cooperate with federal immigration authorities in the enforcement of federal immigration laws” (HB 1804). The new legislation requires the Board of Nursing to issue a license only to U.S. citizens, nationals and legal permanent resident aliens; and to applicants who present, in person, valid documentary evidence of:

1. A valid, unexpired immigrant or non-immigrant visa status for admission into the U.S.;
2. A pending or approved application for asylum in the U.S.;
3. Admission into the U.S. in refugee status;
4. A pending or approved application for temporary protected status in the U.S.;
5. Approved deferred action status; or
6. A pending application for adjustment of status to legal permanent residence status or conditional resident status.

Applicants in the above six categories will only be eligible to receive a license card that is valid for the time period of their authorized stay in the U.S.; or if there is no end date to the time period of

their authorized stay, for one year. The license card is required to indicate that it is temporary.

This legislation will affect Oklahoma applicants for licensure by examination or endorsement by requiring each applicant to present notarized evidence of their citizenship status. Other applicants will be required to present in person valid documentary evidence that they are a qualified alien under the federal Immigration and Nationality Act and lawfully present in the U.S. The information will be verified through the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program, operated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

The application will also impact each currently licensed nurse, who must verify online at the time of license renewal that he/she is a U.S. citizen, national, or legal permanent resident alien. Other qualified aliens will not be able to renew online, but will instead present their documentation at the Board office with their application.

The Oklahoma Board of Nursing is required to implement changes in the licensing process at the time the new law becomes effective on November 1, 2007.

# PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

## JACKYE WARD, MS, RN

### OWNER OR RENTER?

Are you an owner or a renter of your nursing license? Do you stay on top of changes in Board rules, policies and changes in the *Nursing Practice Act*, or do you allow someone else to direct your destiny? As the holder of your license, you must assume full responsibility for your actions and results. This is called being accountable. Correctly understood and properly applied, accountability allows us a sense of control and influence that drives results. We worked hard for our nursing licenses; it is up to each one of us individually to protect it!

Staying current with nursing practice in Oklahoma is a must-do. There are several ways that this can be done. “Orientation to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing for Licensed Nurses” workshop is scheduled for October 8, 2007. This workshop is great for new nurses and a wonderful review for seasoned nurses; providing an update on current policies, practices and regulations. A registration form is available in this newsletter.

Other means of staying informed include accessing your Oklahoma Board of Nursing website: [www.ok.gov/nursing](http://www.ok.gov/nursing). *The Nursing Practice Act*,

*Rules*, any proposed rules, guidelines, as well as Board meeting agendas and minutes are available through the site. The newsletter also provides our licensed nurses with up-to-date information on recent changes and issues at the Board of Nursing level. The *Oklahoma Board of Nursing Rules* were recently printed with updates effective July 1, 2007. These rules are available through the Oklahoma Board of Nursing and on the Board’s website.

In protecting the public, each nurse must assume personal accountability in practicing as defined in our state. The saturation of our lives with technology can sometimes create a false sense of security in that surely we will eventually find out all needed information. Technology alone cannot create a culture of discipline. No technology can instill the simple inner belief that leaving unrealized potential, in this case knowledge, on the table is a safe practice.

Take a minute to reflect on why you became a nurse. Use your resources, stay informed and remain safe in practice. Choose to make a positive difference - be an owner!

### BOARD CALENDAR

**Oklahoma Board of Nursing**

**Sept. 25, 26, 27, 2007**  
**Nov. 13, 14, 15, 2007**  
**Jan. 29, 30, 31, 2008**  
**Mar. 25, 26, 27, 2008**  
**May 27, 28, 29, 2008**  
**July 22, 23, 24, 2008**  
**Sept. 23, 24, 24, 2008**  
**Nov. 11, 12, 13, 2008**

**Holiday Inn**  
**2101 S. Meridian**  
**Oklahoma City, OK**  
**(405) 685-4000**

**Nursing Education and Practice  
 Advisory Committee**

**Oct. 22, 2007**

**Board Office**

**Board Issue Meeting**

**Oct. 11 & 12, 2007**

**Stillwater, OK**

## CONTINUING YOUR NURSING EDUCATION: CHOOSING THE RIGHT PROGRAM FOR YOU

The nursing profession has many entry options, as well as opportunities for earning higher degrees. Some nurses enter the profession as Licensed Practical Nurses, and later continue on to become Registered Nurses through associate degree or bachelor's programs. Some nurses enter as Registered Nurses at the associate degree level, and then work towards earning bachelor's degrees. Nurses with bachelor's degrees often continue on in graduate education. Therefore, nursing education programs exist in all levels of education.

Board staff members receive frequent telephone calls from nurses who have questions about continuing their education in nursing. The Oklahoma Board of Nursing holds the authority and responsibility for approving nursing education programs located in Oklahoma that lead to initial licensure as a Registered Nurse or Licensed Practical Nurse. The Oklahoma Board of Nursing does not review or approve programs that are located in other states – those programs must be approved by the board of nursing (or other regulatory agency) in that state. If an individual graduates from a nursing education program approved by a board of nursing in another state, that individual can be licensed in Oklahoma as long as the nursing education program meets the same curricular requirements as do Oklahoma programs. Included in those curricular requirements are requirements for theoretical preparation and clinical experience in care of the adult, care of children, maternal-newborn nursing, and psychiatric-mental health nursing (only RNs programs are required to offer clinical experience in psychiatric-mental health nursing).

In Oklahoma, there are currently 30 practical nursing programs, 18 associate degree programs, and 13 baccalaureate programs for beginning or RN-BSN students. There are an additional four programs that offer only the RN-BSN track and three master's degree programs. In many cases, there is more than one site on which the program offers nursing education; providing more than 100 locations in Oklahoma for nursing education. Some of the programs offer online options for the theory components of the education, making nursing education widely available throughout

the state. However, as is true in many states, there are currently many people interested in pursuing a nursing major and admission to a nursing education program may be competitive. Therefore, some people choose to pursue their nursing education in other states or through non-traditional options, such as programs that allow one to attend online or test out of nursing coursework. To assist individuals in making careful decisions about options for nursing education, the following points are offered for your consideration:

1. **If the nursing education program is one leading to initial licensure as an LPN or RN, be sure the program is approved by the board of nursing in the state in which it is located.** Most boards of nursing offer a website with a list of their approved programs. If the program is Internet-based, check the program's website for the approving board, then check with that board of nursing to confirm the approval status.
2. **Check on the program's accreditation status.** In the United States, the two primary accrediting agencies for nursing programs are the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). While accreditation is not a requirement and many good nursing programs are not accredited for various reasons, national accreditation of a program provides assurance to you that the program has met standards beyond the basic standards required by the state for program approval.
3. **If the nursing education program is one that leads to a post-licensure nursing degree (such as RN-BSN, master's, or doctoral degrees), approval of the board of nursing is usually not required, with the exception of advanced practice educa-**

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- tional programs.** If approval by the Board is not required, check the accreditation status of the program, talk with graduates of the program about their experiences and look for other indicators of quality.
4. **Carefully review the information provided by the program and talk with an advisor to learn as much as possible about the program before committing.** Because people learn in different ways, programs provide a variety of learning options. What may work well for one person may not work for another, so before you make a commitment, think about how you learn best and select a program that seems to match your learning style. For example, a program that allows you to study independently and challenge out of nursing coursework may work well for the self-motivated, independent learner who is highly disciplined, but it may not work as well for learners who thrive in more structured settings with ample opportunity for interaction with faculty members and other students.
  5. **Beware of fraudulent programs.** There are some programs out there that may offer you a nursing degree with no coursework required – you simply pay your money, fill out some paperwork online, and they will send you a degree. Unfortunately, you will soon find that your “degree” is not recognized, as both the institution and the program may simply exist as an Internet scam. Keep in mind that earning a degree is always going to take lots of work and demand dedication, whether it is online or onsite, so be cautious of any program that advertises a degree with little time or commitment required!
  6. **Get recommendations from graduates of the program.** Do they describe the program as tough, rigorous, and challenging; but also as a growth experience, fair, and supportive to their needs? If so, you may have found a winner!
  7. **Recognize the importance of clinical experience in the educational program.** Even though you may be a highly competent and seasoned LPN, clinical experience in a program leading to RN licensure, under the supervision of expert faculty members, will help you gain expertise and knowledge in new roles and areas, allowing you to make a smooth transition from LPN to RN. In RN-BSN programs, clinical experience may not be directly supervised by faculty members, but the faculty members will work closely with students to ensure that clinical projects provide opportunities for students to apply new knowledge and work in new roles.
  8. **Ask the tough questions.** For example, ask the advisor about the program’s NCLEX pass rate, completion or graduation rate, and job placement rate. Ask for the feedback and ratings received from students, graduates, and employers. Choose a program based on evidence of quality!

## Is It Time to Renew Your License?

**Remember that RNs renew on even years and LPNs renew on odd years not later than the expiration date of their birth month. A renewal letter is sent to the address on file at the Board office approximately three months before your expiration date. The licensee can renew online at anytime during the three month period before the expiration date.**

## NEW RULES APPROVED BY THE OKLAHOMA BOARD OF NURSING

Rule revisions for the *Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act and Rules* were approved by the Governor and took effect on July 1, 2007. A summary of the revised rules follows.

Standards for nursing education programs were revised to add definitions for clinical learning experiences, clinical skills laboratory, distance learning program, and preceptor. 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.

Requirements for licensure for Registered and Licensed Practical Nurses were revised to clarify requirements for applicants educated in foreign countries and in U.S. territories and to delete a section dealing with licensure for individuals enrolled in generic masters programs. Other changes include revisions regarding requirements for notification of a name change and a statement confirming that nurses employed in nurse administrative positions must hold Oklahoma licensure.

Minor revisions were made in sections addressing advanced practice nurses and prescriptive au-

thority, 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 was deleted since this certification examination is no longer offered.

Revisions were made in sections addressing 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 license is not current to obtain a current license within a reasonable time frame.

The revised rules are available on the Board's website: [www.ok.gov/nursing/rules07.pdf](http://www.ok.gov/nursing/rules07.pdf). Each nurse is responsible for reviewing and understanding requirements in the *Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act and Rules*.

### 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 if you plan to attend as dates, times, and locations may change. The committee meetings are cancelled and rescheduled if it is determined a quorum will not be present.



## Are You Compliant With Oklahoma Income Tax Laws?

In accordance with Oklahoma Statutes 68 § 238.1, persons holding professional licenses in the state of Oklahoma who are not in compliance with State income tax laws will not be eligible for licensure renewal. The Oklahoma Board of Nursing submits an annual list of licensees due to renew, as required, to the Oklahoma Tax Commission. The Oklahoma Tax Commission notifies both the licensee and the Oklahoma Board of Nursing in writing if income tax compliance cannot be verified. The licensee is directed to contact the Oklahoma Tax Commission's Professional Licensing unit at (405)522-6800 to resolve the non-compliance tax issues.

Once the Oklahoma Board of Nursing has been notified by the Oklahoma Tax Commission of a licensee's non-compliance with State income tax laws, the Oklahoma Board of Nursing will not renew the license (please note: the OBN website renewal system will not allow the renewal to be completed if the licensee is non-compliant with State income tax laws!). The Oklahoma Board of Nursing **must** re-

ceive written e-mail notification directly from the Oklahoma Tax Commission of the licensee's compliance with State income tax laws prior to renewing the license. *Copies of documentation brought to the Board by the licensee will not be accepted.* Please do not wait until the last moment of your renewal deadline to resolve State income tax non-compliance issues, as this will delay your renewal and possibly result in a lapsed license.

If you have received notification from the Oklahoma Tax Commission that you are non-compliant regarding your State taxes, please contact them at (405)522-6800 to resolve the matter as soon as possible. The Board responds quickly to daily e-mails received from the Oklahoma Tax Commission and removes tax holds accordingly to allow the renewals to process. However, the responsibility ultimately lies with the licensee to resolve State tax non-compliance issues in a timely manner to alleviate last minute licensure renewal crises. For information regarding licensure renewal, contact the Oklahoma Board of Nursing at (405)962-1800.

## Restraints and Seclusion—Face to Face One (1) Hour Evaluation by Registered Nurse

On December 8, 2006, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) published its final rule on the Hospital Conditions of Participation (CoP) for Patients' Rights, which is applicable to all Medicare and Medicaid participating hospitals. The rule contains standards that ensure minimum protections of each patient's physical and emotional health and safety. These regulations were effective on January 8, 2007.

Prior to the final rule, CMS required that a patient be evaluated "face-to-face" within an hour of a patient being restrained or secluded for the management of violent or self-destructive behavior, and these actions had to be reviewed within that hour by a physician or "other licensed independent practitioner (LIP)." With changes in the final rule, there is an expansion to that list of health care providers who can

perform the "face-to-face" evaluation to include a **trained** registered nurse (RN) or physician assistant (PA). The rule requires, however, that when an RN or PA performs the 1-hour-rule evaluation, the physician or other LIP treating that patient be consulted as soon as possible. The evaluation includes the following:

- (A) The patient's immediate situation;
- (B) The patient's reaction to the intervention;
- (C) The patient's medical and behavioral condition; and
- \*(D) The need to continue or terminate the restraint or seclusion.

\* An RN (who is not an advanced practice nurse) **may not** make a decision to continue or terminate the restraint or seclusion independently. Only a

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licensed physician or other LIP, who is authorized by state law to prescribe medications and treatments, can continue or terminate restraints or seclusion. In accordance with the final rule, orders for the use of restraint or seclusion must never be written as a standing order or on an as needed basis (PRN). However, each order

by a physician or LIP may authorize the RN to continue or terminate the restraint or seclusion of a patient, based on the face to face evaluation.

The CMS final rule on restraints and seclusion may be accessed online at the following website: [http://www.cms.hhs.gov/CFCsAndCoPs/downloads/final\\_patientrightsrule.pdf](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/CFCsAndCoPs/downloads/final_patientrightsrule.pdf).

## Declaratory Ruling: Laser Hair Removal Treatments

In May 2007, the Oklahoma Board of Nursing (“Board”) issued a *Declaratory Ruling* in response to a petition by L. Louise Drake, M.H.R., R.N., as to the issues related to the scope of practice for licensed nurses [advanced practice nurse, registered nurse and licensed practice nurse] involved in laser hair removal treatment.

The use of a Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation, (hereinafter “laser”), has been declared within the scope of medicine and surgery; as such it is a medical act. It is not within the scope of practice for a qualified advanced practice nurse to order and/or delegate laser hair removal treatment, even if the advanced practice nurse has prescriptive authority.

Once an Oklahoma licensed physician has performed a medical evaluation on the patient, a laser hair removal treatment order may be delegated to a licensed nurse. The prescriptive order should include the following: type of laser; the depth of penetration of

the laser beam; the wattage or strength of the laser beam; the circumference of the laser beam (spot size); wave length and pulse beam; description, location and size of the area to be treated; and utilization of any topical anesthetic agent (The order may refer to a written protocol or written practice guidelines).

It is within the scope of practice of the advanced practice nurse, registered nurse and licensed practical nurse to provide laser hair removal treatment in accordance with specific parameters set forth in the *Declaratory Ruling*. A licensed practical nurse may **only** perform laser hair removal if the ordering physician is present in the procedure area and readily available, i.e., response time is less than or equal to five (5) minutes during the procedure of the laser hair removal treatment. The ruling may be accessed online through the Board’s website at: <http://www.ok.gov/nursing>. (See the Guidelines section).

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

I need to report my change of address to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing.  
 Address changes may also be made on the Board’s website: [www.ok.gov/nursing](http://www.ok.gov/nursing).

CERTIFICATE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ or SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_  
 (required)

NEW ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

OLD ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: Oklahoma Board of Nursing  
 2915 N. Classen Blvd., Ste 524  
 Oklahoma City, OK 73106

In accordance with OAC 485:10-7-9 & 485:10-9-9, 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.

## DO YOU NEED THE PEER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM?

Have you ever gone to work with a hangover? Do you ever call-in because you just did a little too much partying last night? Ever been arrested for or convicted of DUI? Think your nursing practice is not affected by drinking or drug use because you only do it after hours or on days off? Or maybe you have recognized that your substance use is problematic and have even gone to treatment, but you do not think it has anything to do with nursing practice. While you may not be using at work, your use can affect your ability to practice nursing and the Peer Assistance Program has something to offer you.

The Peer Assistance Program is a voluntary, structured monitoring program for licensed nurses with an alcohol or drug problem. Nurses who self-report and voluntarily enter the program **do not** have disciplinary action and their participation is not a matter of public record. Nurses who are referred to

the Peer Assistance Program by the Board **do** have disciplinary action and it will result in a public record with reports to the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, the National Practitioners Data-bank, and the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank.

The Peer Assistance Program is not just for nurses who have diverted drugs. Any licensed nurse who recognizes that substances are causing them a problem, may apply to the program. Do not wait until you are contacted by the Board to ask for help. Contact the Peer now, before you get into trouble with your practice, and maybe you will avoid the trouble altogether.

**For confidential assistance, call (405) 525-2277.** You do not need a referral from an employer, the Board, or a treatment provider. You can make the call yourself.

## Seeking Peer Assistance Committee Members

The program is currently looking for volunteers with expertise in substance abuse. 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 substance abuse issues 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  
(405) 525-2277

## LICENSE VERIFICATION

Licenses may be verified on the Board's website: [www.ok.gov/nursing](http://www.ok.gov/nursing). This verification is considered primary source verification. The verification may be printed and will include the date printed and a primary source confirmation. Advanced practice nurse and prescriptive authority recognition status may also be verified, as well as names of supervising physicians for prescriptive authority.



<b>OKLAHOMA BOARD OF NURSING</b>												
<b>FIRST TIME NCLEX-RN CANDIDATE PASS RATE (Percent by Calendar Year)</b>												
<b>Nursing Program</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>Candidates</b>	<b>#2006</b>
Bacone College	80.00	67.70	80.80	76.00	81.80	61.11	68.75	58.82	78.57	72.41	29	
Carl Albert State College - Poteau	92.86	84.80	92.60	78.80	85.00	94.74	90.24	100.00	93.33	95.83	24	
Carl Albert State College - Sallisaw									80.00	100.00	16	
Connors State College, Warner	87.23	87.20	85.40	91.40	87.00	94.44	77.27	77.78	92.00	100.00	21	
Connors State College, Muskogee					100	100	87.50	78.79	91.67	100.00	40	
East Central University - Ada	87.10	97.30	100.00	91.90	100.00	91.67	91.30	82.05	88.00	79.07	43	
East Central University - Durant							81.82	100	91.67	81.25	16	
Eastern Okla State College, Wilburton	84.21	94.30	61.90	85.40	52.90	76.47	93.75	52.38	88.88	84.21	38	
Eastern Okla State College, McAlester					61.10		100					
Eastern Okla State College, Idabel					81.80	84.62	86.96	81.82	86.66	86.36	22	
Langston University - Langston	86.96	77.50	77.60	84.40	53.30	42.86	100.00	100.00	80.00	87.50	8	
Langston University - Tulsa					85.70	81.25	71.43	78.94	69.23	91.11	45	
Murray State College	86.11	87.50	86.50	71.10	73.20	66.67	96.00	85.71	87.50	98.04	51	
Northeastern OK A&M College, Miami	90.00	84.80	78.60	78.10	62.50	90.00	92.86	89.58	87.50	100.00	33	
Northeastern OK A&M College, Grove										100.00	1	
Northern Oklahoma College, Tonkawa	98.00	86.00	89.10	98.00	100.00	90.00	92.86	90.00	86.21	81.25	16	
Northern Oklahoma College, Enid					95.00	78.26	85.00	89.66	94.74	97.06	34	
Northern Oklahoma College, Stillwater							100.00	100.00	88.24	86.36	22	
Northwestern OK State University - Alva	78.57	73.70	71.40	87.50	75.00	100	33.33	66.67	50.00	93.33	15	
Northwestern OK State University - Enid					83.33	83.33	100.00	88.89	82.35	100.00	9	
Northwestern OK State University - Woodward									66.67	50.00	2	
Oklahoma Baptist University	90.00	92.90	93.10	95.70	96.30	94.74	93.33	86.96	80.00	65.71	35	
Oklahoma City Community College	85.15	90.60	78.60	68.60	85.20	85.86	89.00	86.61	83.47	85.71	126	
Oklahoma City University	90.00	82.40	90.00	70.59	77.80	63.64	58.00	57.89	92.59	97.67	43	
Oklahoma State University - OKC	93.88	91.00	76.90	71.69	86.90	88.41	86.00	81.61	89.42	96.04	101	
Oklahoma State University - Goodwell					100.00	83.33	100.00	83.33	83.33	100.00	1	
Oklahoma State University - Okmulgee									53.85	62.07	29	
Oral Roberts University	69.23	73.70	56.30	83.30	80.00	86.67	83.00	74.07	83.33	89.29	28	

OKLAHOMA BOARD OF NURSING											
FIRST TIME NCLEX-RN CANDIATE PASS RATE (Percent by Calendar Year)											
NURSING PROGRAM	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	# 2006 Candidates
	Platt College - OKC									84.00	69.39
Platt College - Tulsa										67.57	37
Redlands Community College- EI Reno	92.16	85.00	82.60	64.30	90.30	84.62	88.89	69.49	87.17	94.74	57
Redlands Community College - Mercy Campus								100.00	71.42	50.00	10
Rogers State University	92.59	94.60	86.00	92.30	97.40	97.14	92.50	86.96	85.00	96.77	62
Rose State College - Midwest City	86.11	92.40	83.80	81.30	90.00	77.42	87.01	87.36	92.75	95.95	74
Rose State College - Internet Pgm					87.50	81.25	93.10	93.55	79.17	100.00	18
Seminole State College	100.00	95.20	95.70	88.00	100.00	77.78	84.21	88.00	85.71	90.48	21
Southern Nazarene University	81.25	84.60	92.90	93.30	57.10		66.67	50.00	46.67	85.19	27
Southwestern OK State University	84.62	86.20	92.30	65.20	100.00	100.00	82.35	90.00	93.33	83.33	30
Tulsa Community College	93.68	91.3	69.6	80.8	79.50	86.30	85.86	92.78	88.37	90.48	126
University of Central Oklahoma	96.55	86.90	87.90	87.90	86.10	83.61	78.85	90.91	91.89	93.55	62
University Oklahoma- Mercy						50	N/A				
University Oklahoma- OKC	89.83	89.01	80.50	88.60	91.60	84.21	86.32	83.48	92.36	91.62	167
University Oklahoma- Tulsa				100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	96.15	100.00	94.44	54
University Oklahoma - Lawton		100.00	82.40	71.42	88.57	78.13	96.00	90.63	80.56	82.05	39
University Oklahoma- Woodward/Enid				77.77	100.00	80.00	100.00	100.00			
University Oklahoma - Internet Campus										100.00	3
University of Tulsa	83.33	89.70	92.00	86.20	94.40	82.35	88.24	53.33	80.00	95.45	22
Western Oklahoma State College - Altus	100.00	90.50	82.40	82.40	95.80	90.91	91.67	81.25	93.33	82.75	29
Western Oklahoma State College - Lawton									92.86	82.35	34
Oklahoma Pass Rate	89.52	87.71	81.65	80.94	84.92	83.92	86.36	83.68	86.59	88.88	1,772
National Pass Rate	87.79	85.02	84.79	83.84	85.53	86.66	87.01	85.26	87.29	88.11	110,712

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FIRST TIME NCLEX-LPN CANDIDATE PASS RATE (Percent by Calendar Year)												
NURSING PROGRAM	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	#2006 Candidates	
Autry Tech Center	85.71	100.00	85.70	90.50	80.00	95.24	93.75	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	13
Caddo-Kiowa Tech Center	84.62	80.00	91.30	83.30	86.70	90.00	95.83	100.00	89.47	72.73		22
Canadian Valley Tech - Chickasha	76.47	84.20	70.60	92.90	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	95.24	93.75		16
Canadian Valley Tech- El Reno	80.95	71.40	100.00	100.00	100.00	88.89	82.35	100.00	95.24	100.00		12
Central Tech Center - Sapulpa	100.00	82.50	86.50	92.00	95.80	87.10	100.00	95.00		88.10		42
Central Tech Center - Drumright								68.42		79.17		24
Chisholm Trail Tech Center	100.00	100.00	90.00	88.90	80.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00		3
Equivalency (Air Force) *		100.00	83.30	85.70	100.00	100.00	56.25	85.71		70.00		20
Francis Tuttle Tech Center	96.15	95.50	88.90	78.60	80.00	88.00	96.97	94.44	88.10	92.11		38
Gordon Cooper Tech Center	82.35	87.00	85.00	87.00	100.00	77.27	80.95	86.36	92.59	100.00		25
Great Plains Tech Center - Lawton	93.33	92.50	81.70	82.90	84.20	90.57	90.91	96.15	93.18	84.91		53
Great Plains Tech Center - Frederick							69.23	62.50	80.00	71.43		7
Great Plains Tech Center - Comanche Nation										100.00		2
Green Country Tech Center	77.78	88.20	86.70	73.30	58.30	69.23	90.91	83.33	95.45	70.83		24
High Plains Tech Center	78.57	87.50	89.50	68.20	53.30	68.42	94.12	81.82	85.71	68.75		16
Indian Capital Tech Center - Tahlequah	90.48	90.00	70.60	100.00	100.00	84.62	90.00	100.00	90.91	100.00		13
Indian Capital Tech Center - Muskogee	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	90.91	100.00	100.00	100.00		12
Indian Capital Tech Center - Sallisaw	95.24	72.70	100.00	100.00	80.00	100.00	87.50	93.33	100.00	100.00		21
Indian Capital Tech Center - Stilwell			85.70	100.00	80.00	71.43	66.67	100.00	100.00	100.00		8
Kiamichi Tech Center - Atoka				60.00		66.67	N/A	91.30		100.00		11
Kiamichi Tech Center - Durant	95.83	95.50	95.20	87.00	95.20	90.32	94.74	89.29	92.31	100.00		35
Kiamichi Tech Center - Hugo	100.00	87.00	79.20	85.00	76.50	94.44	95.24	95.24	100.00	95.24		21
Kiamichi Tech Center - Idabel	95.45	86.40	95.70	86.70	100.00	93.75	100.00	100.00	100.00	93.10		29
Kiamichi Tech Center - McAlester	95.83	100.00	100.00	100.00	90.90	100.00	88.89	100.00	94.12	95.00		20
Kiamichi Tech Center - Poteau	95.83	90.50	100.00	95.80	78.30	80.95	91.30	100.00	84.00	70.83		24
Kiamichi Tech Center - Stigler				90.00		92.31	N/A	100.00		81.82		11
Kiamichi Tech Center - Tahihina	81.82	71.40		70.00	100	88.89	N/A	90.00		100.00		9

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FIRST TIME NCLEX -LPN CANDIDATE PASS RATE (Percent by Calendar Year)												
NURSING PROGRAM	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Candidates	
Meridian Tech Center	87.50	96.30	87.00	88.20	84.60	70.00	90.63	90.00	100.00	77.78	18	
Metro Tech Center	80.95	82.80	73.90	83.30	78.90	90.91	82.61	90.00	90.00	97.30	37	
Mid-America Tech Center	86.96	100.00	75.90	100.00	86.70	90.91	79.17	91.30	91.30	87.50	24	
Mid-Del Tech Center	94.74	100.00	81.30	86.67	78.60	57.14	88.89	85.71	100.00	100.00	17	
Moore Norman Tec Center	95.83	88.60	90.70	90.00	71.40	89.47	90.70	87.88	87.80	87.88	33	
Northeast Tech Center - Afton	95.24	94.10	94.40	100.00	81.30	93.30	95.45	91.67	83.33	96.15	26	
Northeast Tech Center - Kansas	84.62	92.30	75.00	61.10	93.30	84.61	71.43	85.71	85.71	84.21	19	
Northeast Tech Center - Pryor	77.27	80.00	85.70	82.40	95.70	100.00	91.30	100.00	95.65	88.24	17	
Pioneer Tech Center	77.27	76.20	76.00	88.90	81.30	100.00	94.12	100.00	100.00	94.74	19	
Platt College - OKC	86.80	82.70	79.20	81.30	79.20	72.73	84.00	77.36	86.54	70.49	61	
Platt College - Tulsa	55.56	60.00	92.60	95.0	94.30	87.88	86.15	90.77	93.15	97.22	72	
Platt College - Lawton	68.18	67.70	86.70	78.30	76.70	70.27	93.55	86.49	86.96	83.33	24	
Platt College - Moore									70.77	67.86	28	
Pontotoc Tech Center	66.67	79.20	78.30	70.80	81.00	79.17	81.48	80.77	81.82	83.33	36	
RN Educated Partial RN Completion **	97.20	96.70	96	96.20	96.20	96.90	98.57	94.96	95.65	98.17	109	
RN Failure Taking PN **							97.30	95.65	90.91	100.00	12	
Red River Tech Center	100.00	95.00	85.00	100.00	87.50	100.00	79.17	100.00	95.00	100.00	21	
Southern OK Tech Center	93.62	84.40	81.40	82.10	100.00	93.75	78.57	100.00	100.00	100.00	19	
Southwest Tech Center	95.45	95.70	96.00	90.90	79.20	91.67	82.61	92.00	100.00	88.24	17	
Tri County Tech Center	84.85	73.70	79.20	93.10	96.30	80.00	97.14	96.00	100.00	91.18	34	
Tulsa Tech Center	96.00	95.70	85.70	92.90	95.00	80.56	88.57	84.62	80.43	82.35	51	
Tulsa Tech Center - St. Francis							100.00	100.00	100.00			
Tulsa Tech Center - Hillcrest								100.00	100.00	100.00	1	
Tulsa Tech Center - St. John's								100.00				
Wes Watkins Tech Center	100.00	94.40	69.20	87.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	92.86	100.00	87.50	16	
Western Tech Center	96.67	96.80	86.70	70.80	65.40	90.48	94.44	100.00	88.89	94.44	18	
Oklahoma Pass Rate	90.22	88.61	87.40	87.12	86.41	86.07	89.21	91.81	90.95	88.95	1,267	
National Pass Rate	88.69	88.69	86.32	85.1	86.46	86.50	88.21	89.36	89.06	87.87	56,947	

## Summary of Board Activities

During the **January, 2007** meeting, the Board:

- Recognized Board staff members for excellence in service to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing and to the citizens of the State of Oklahoma
- Revised the following Board policies: *Peer Assistance Program Body Fluid Testing Guidelines*, #PA-03; *Peer Assistance Program Laboratory Approval Criteria for Body Fluid Testing*, #PA-04; *Body Fluid Testing Guidelines Investigation Division*, #I-09; *Laboratory Approval Criteria for Body Fluid Testing Investigation Division*, #I-08; and *Continuance of Hearings Policy*, #I-01
- Adopted rule changes, to be submitted for approval through the administrative rulemaking process
- Approved the Step I application for a new baccalaureate nursing education program for the University of Phoenix, Oklahoma City. The program was directed by the Board to provide additional documentation to support clinical space availability with the Step II application.
- Accepted the survey visit report for Platt College RN Program, Tulsa, and granted full approval status to the program for a period of one (1) year. A full survey visit is to be conducted in November-December 2007 and the results thereof made available to the Board at the January 2008 Board meeting.
- Accepted the survey visit report for Murray State College, Tishomingo, and granted full approval status to the program for a period of five (5) years.
- Accepted the focus survey visit report for Autry Technology Center, Enid.

During the **March, 2007** meeting, the Board:

- Revised the following Board policies: *Abandonment Statement*, #P-11; and *Guidelines for Individuals Enrolled in or Non-licensed Graduates of Nursing Education Programs*, #E-04
- Approved curriculum change requests from the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, and Francis Tuttle Technology Center, Oklahoma City
- Accepted the survey visit report for Mid-America Technology Center, Wayne, and granted full approval status to the program for a period of five (5) years
- Approved a request from East Central University, campuses in Ada and Durant, for an extended campus site in Ardmore

During the **May, 2007** meeting, the Board:

- Revised the following Board policies: *A Decision Making Model for Determining RN/LPN Scope of Practice*, #P-10; *National Certifying Bodies and APN Examinations Approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing*, #P-52-A; and *CRNA Inclusionary Formulary*, #P-50A
- Appointed Janie Heller, RN, and re-appointed Kristina Olsen, MHR, RN, to the Peer Assistance Committee
- Re-appointed Susan Goodwin, MS, RN, CNS, CPAN, to the Advanced Practice Advisory Committee
- Appointed Leanna Harkess, MS, RN, CNM, ARNP, and re-appointed Bill Holland, MS, RN, ARNP, APRN, BC, to the Formulary Advisory Council
- Issued a Declaratory Ruling on Laser Hair Removal by Licensed Nurses
- Accepted the recommendations of the Board Committee to Review Pass Rate Reports for the following programs:
  - o Plat College PN Program, Moore Campus

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- o Platt College PN Program, Oklahoma City Campus
  - o Meridian Technology Center, Stillwater
  - o Kiamichi Technology Center, Poteau Campus
  - o High Plains Technology Center, Woodward
  - o Green Country Technology Center, Okmulgee
  - o Caddo-Kiowa Technology Center, Ft. Cobb
  - o Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee
  - o Oklahoma State University, Okmulgee
  - o Platt College RN Program, Oklahoma City North
  - o Platt College RN Program, Tulsa
  - o Redlands Community College, Mercy Hospital Campus
- Accepted the survey visit report and pass rate report for Bacone College, Muskogee, and granted full approval status for six months. Requested that a focus survey visit be conducted in the fall and submitted for review at the November, 2007 Board meeting.
  - Approved a curriculum change request for Western Oklahoma State College, campuses in Altus, Lawton, Duncan, and Elk City
  - Accepted survey visit reports and granted continuing full approval status for five (5) years for the following programs:
    - o Eastern Oklahoma State College, campuses in Wilburton and Idabel
    - o Indian Capital Technology Center, campuses in Tahlequah, Muskogee, Stilwell, and Sallisaw
    - o Southwest Technology Center, Altus
  - Approved a *Peer Assistance Committee Code of Conduct*
  - Accepted recommendations of the Approved Provider Committee with regard to Valley Hope Psychiatric-Substance Abuse Evaluations

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