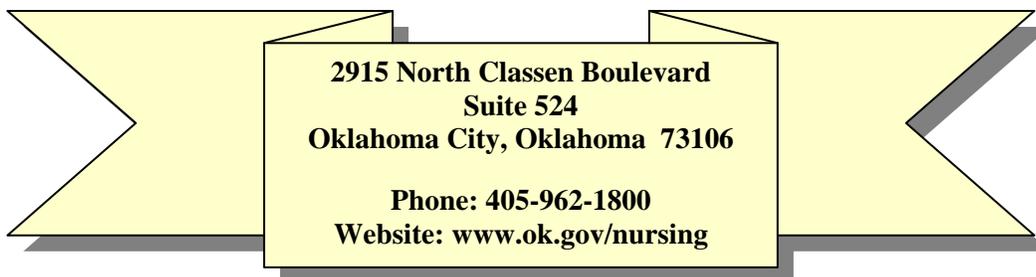


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STAKEHOLDERS EVALUATE THE OKLAHOMA BOARD OF NURSING

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The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) implemented a project to develop a performance measurement system for stakeholders within the state to evaluate the regulatory effectiveness of their own nursing regulatory board. They would also use aggregated data to identify best practices that could be implemented by all member boards. Forty-two nursing regulatory boards participated in the study, including the Oklahoma Board of Nursing. This performance measurement project is titled *Commitment to Ongoing Regulatory Excellence (CORE)*.

The outcome-oriented indicators in the CORE measurement system are intended to assist nursing regulatory boards in managing and improving services to their customers as well as providing accountability to the citizens of their states. Data were collected from six stakeholder groups: (a) nurses who had been the subject of a complaint, (b) people who made a complaint, (c) a random selection of nurses, (d) employers of nurses, (e) nursing education programs, and (f) associations. Oklahoma participated in this national survey in 2002 and 2005. In return, the Oklahoma Board of Nursing received CORE data aggregated from other boards similar in selected variables, such as staff size, in order to make comparisons with their own performance. Staff members of the higher performing boards of nursing were interviewed to determine practices that were common among their

boards for purposes of identifying “best practices.” Best practices were then shared with all boards of nursing to assist them in establishing outcome goals for quality improvement. Resulting changes are to be tracked and benchmarked. Data will continue to be collected from member boards every two years. The Oklahoma Board of Nursing plans to continue to participate in this project.

Data provided by the CORE project for 2005 and reported in September 2007 demonstrates that the Regulatory Services of the Oklahoma Board of Nursing met or exceeded many aggregate outcome-oriented indicators. Regulatory Services is responsible for activities related to the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX), licensure by endorsement, licensure renewals, reinstatement of licenses, advanced practice applications, approval of nursing education programs, and responses to questions about nursing practice. The Oklahoma stakeholder data in 2005 included responses from 208 nurses, 22 employers, seven associations, and 33 nursing education programs.

Reporting all of the results from these stakeholder surveys is beyond the scope of this president’s message, however, I would like to

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share with you some of the findings. The aggregate (combined boards with similar selected variables) ratings will be listed in parentheses following the Oklahoma rating.

Oklahoma nurses were asked to rate the Oklahoma Board of Nursing website, telephone system, and Board newsletter on a scale of 1=excellent, 2=good, 3=fair and 4=poor. The nurses rated the Oklahoma Board of Nursing as “good” in these forms of communication. Based on their perceptions, the nurses rated the website a 1.90 (1.96), the telephone system a 2.37 (2.4), and the newsletter a 1.81 (1.93).

Nurses were requested to rate their perceptions about the adequacy of nursing regulations in Oklahoma. They responded on a scale of 1=too much regulation, 2=adequate regulation, and 3=too little regulation. Oklahoma nurses rated regulation in the state as “adequate” with practice standards/scope of practice as 2.01 (2.00), the complaint resolution/discipline process as 2.03 (2.03), education program approval as 2.08 (2.03), and requirements for licensure as 2.05 (2.00).

And what did nurses think about the effectiveness of the Oklahoma Board of Nursing in protecting the health and safety of the public with respect to nursing care? Nurses rated the effectiveness of the Board in protecting the public as “good” with a 1.79 (1.79) rating on a scale of 1= excellent, 2=good, 3=fair, and 4=poor.

Nurses were “satisfied” regarding communication with the Board on non-practice issues over the previous 12 months with a rating of 1.73 (1.75) on a scale of 1=very satisfied, 2=satisfied, 3=dissatisfied, and 4=very dissatisfied. And when asked about the helpfulness of the Board of Nursing on questions related to practice issues during the previous 12 months, they rated the Board as “helpful” with a 2.00 (1.68) rating on a scale of 1=very helpful, 2=helpful, 3=unhelpful and 4=very unhelpful.

Thirty-three nursing education programs were asked about the “effectiveness” of nursing regulations in Oklahoma. Nursing educators perceived nursing regulations as “very effective” on a scale of 1=very effective, 2=somewhat effective, 3=ineffective, and 4=not effective at all. They rated public protection/accountability as 1.12 (1.23), promotion of quality in education as 1.21 (1.36), responsiveness to health care changes as 1.36 (1.52), and responsiveness to innovation in education as 1.39 (1.59).

Nursing education programs were also asked to rate the adequacy of their experiences related to the program approval process on a scale of 1=adequate, 2=somewhat adequate, 3=somewhat inadequate, and 4=inadequate. Educators reported their experiences with the approval process as “adequate” with a rating of 1.22 (1.24) on fairness/objectivity of board findings, 1.12 (1.24) on feedback/evaluation provided by board, and 1.18 (1.24) for due process for disagreements regarding findings.

It is important to note that the 2002 ratings for Regulatory Services were equally as good. In addition, the Oklahoma Board of Nursing has already implemented many of the identified “best practices” such as having a primary contact person for education approval, being visible in the state-wide academic community, use of a decision-making model to guide practice, making information available through websites/newsletters, being an independent board, and utilizing performance measurement & strategic planning. This exceptional record can, in large part, be attributed to the many years of experience, commitment, and outstanding leadership by Kim Glazier, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Board of Nursing and Dr. Gayle McNish, Deputy Director of Regulatory Services. They lead a dedicated and impressive agency staff that addresses a multitude of activities for the purpose of protecting the public’s health, safety and welfare.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

Please Mail To:

**Oklahoma Board of Nursing
2915 N. Classen Blvd. Ste. 524
Oklahoma City, OK 73106**

Yes, 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 _____

Full Name _____ Signature (*required) _____

New Address _____

Old Address _____

**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.*

Oklahoma Board of Nursing Staff Positions Available:**Nurse Investigator**

Investigates violations of the Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act.

*BSN required, MS preferred. 7 years experience, 2 years clinical nursing experience

Nursing Education Consultant

Consults with and conducts evaluations of nursing programs.

MSN and work towards doctorate required. 10 yrs experience, 4 years in leadership position in nursing education

Positions to remain open until suitable candidates hired.

Please contact the Board office for an application packet. Phone: (405) 962-1800

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Rule Revisions Impacting Advanced Practice Nurses

Recent revisions to the *Rules of the Oklahoma Board of Nursing* will have an impact on the recognition and practice of advanced practice nurses. The first revision affects advanced practice nurses who hold prescriptive authority recognition. Prior to July 1, 2008, advanced practice nurses with prescriptive authority recognition prescribing Schedule III-V medications were only able to prescribe a seven (7) day supply. The rule revisions approved by the Governor and Legislature change the maximum supply of Schedule III-V drugs that may be prescribed from seven (7) to thirty (30) days.

A second change relates to initial education for Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners (ARNP) and Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS). The revised rules identify by name the two nursing accrediting bodies recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as approved accreditors of nursing programs. They are the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). An applicant who has completed a master's degree in nursing and is applying for recognition as an ARNP or CNS must have been educated in a program accredited by either NLNAC or CCNE.

Other revisions to the rules for advanced practice nurses affect the education required to obtain and maintain prescriptive authority. The educational categories have been revised to ensure the advanced practice nurse with prescriptive authority receives initial and continuing education that prepares them to prescribe in their Board recognized area of practice. For initial application, the re-

vised rules limit the category of education to Category A or Category B, in order to ensure the initial education in prescriptive authority provides opportunities for participation and interaction by the advanced practice nurse. Category A education consists of academic credit hours earned in an institution of higher learning. Category B education consists of onsite seminars, lectures, workshops, and courses approved for contact hours, continuing education units or continuing medical education units through a recognized approver of continuing education. Three academic credit hours or 45 contact hours must be obtained in pharmacotherapeutics at the advanced practice level applicable to the advanced practice nurse's specialty certification for initial prescriptive authority recognition. For renewal of prescriptive authority, the advanced practice nurse must obtain one academic credit hour of Category A education or 15 contact hours of Category B or C education. Category C education consists of online seminars or workshops, or articles in professional journals or other professional references approved for contact hours, continuing education units or continuing medical education units through a recognized approver of continuing education. The revised rules allow up to 100% of the education for renewal of prescriptive authority to be obtained in Category A, B, or C education offerings.

Other rule changes related to advanced practice and prescriptive authority recognition update titles of organizations and clarify current rules. The revised rules may be reviewed on the Board's website: www.ok.gov/nursing. Click on the link for "Rules" to access a full set of the rules.

Requirements for Renewal of the Nursing License

~ We would like to take this opportunity to remind all nurses of the Board's renewal requirements.

Notice of Renewal

As a courtesy to licensees, the Board sends out a renewal notice approximately three months before the license expiration date. The nursing license expires the last day of the birth month, on even years for Registered Nurses and on odd years for Licensed Practical Nurses. The Board holds the licensed nurse responsible for ensuring the license is renewed prior to the expiration date.

Submission of the Renewal Application

License renewals must be submitted online, with the exception of renewals for qualified aliens (information on renewal of licenses for qualified aliens follows). If the licensee does not wish to renew online, he/she may submit a written request for a hard-copy renewal and a self-addressed, stamped envelope at least one month before the license expiration date.

Compliance with Oklahoma Tax Laws

All licensees must ensure they are in compliance with Oklahoma tax laws. In accordance with Oklahoma Statutes 68 § 238.1, persons holding professional licenses in the State of Oklahoma who are not compliant with State income tax laws will not be eligible for license renewal. The licensee must contact the Oklahoma Tax Commission's Professional Licensing unit at (405) 522-6800 to resolve tax issues. 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.

License Renewal for Qualified Aliens

Licensees who are not U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, or permanent legal resident aliens must present in person to the Board office original valid documentary evidence that they are a qualified alien under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act and lawfully present in the U.S. This information will be verified through the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program, operated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The documentation is reviewed, verified and notarized by Board staff. The license of a qualified alien is marked temporary, and it expires concurrently with the expiration of the qualified alien status; or if there is no expiration date for the qualified alien status, the license expires in one year from issuance.

History of Arrest, Disciplinary Action, or Judicial Declaration of Incompetence

Licensees who have been arrested, had criminal charges, had disciplinary action on another nursing or health-related license or certificate, or have been judicially declared mentally incompetent, not previously reported to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing, may submit the renewal online. However, before the renewal can be processed, the licensee must submit the following to the Board office no later than the expiration date of the license, certificate, or recognition:

- A **signed** and **dated** letter describing the date/location of each incident, the circumstances and outcome; and
- A **certified** copy of the Information Sheet, Charges, Judgment and Sentence for all arrests or criminal charges brought; and/or
- A **certified** copy of the Order of Expungement if the record has been expunged; and/or
- A **certified** copy of the Board Order if there has been disciplinary action on another nursing or health-related license or certificate; and/or
- A **certified** copy of the Court Order if the licensee has been judicially declared incompetent.

Renewal of Advanced Practice and Prescriptive Authority Recognition

Advanced practice nurses (APNs) must hold current national certification in order to be eligible for renewal. APNs with prescriptive authority must enter on the renewal the total number of contact hours or academic credit hours earned in the two years prior to the effective date of application for renewal of prescriptive authority.

An ARNP, CNM, or CNS must earn a minimum of 15 contact hours or one academic credit hour for renewal. This continuing education or academic credit must be directly related to pharmacotherapeutics, clinical application and use of pharmacological agents in the prevention of illness, and in the restoration and maintenance of health, in a program beyond basic registered nurse preparation, applicable to the Board recognized specialty area. A CRNA must earn a minimum of eight units of continuing education in advanced pharmacology relating to the administration of anesthesia, as recognized by the AANA. If the record is selected for audit, the APN will be notified and must submit documentation to support the continuing education.

In addition, each ARNP, CNM, and CNS with prescriptive authority must submit a new *Agreement for Physicians Supervising Prescriptive Authority* for each supervising physician, by the expiration date of the license and recognition. This form is available from the Board's website: <http://www.ok.gov/nursing/pa-1.pdf>.

Rules Revised for Practical Nurse Equivalency

The *Rules of the Oklahoma Board of Nursing* allow individuals to apply for practical nurse licensure by examination through equivalency, if the individual has completed specified educational requirements. The applicant **must have successfully completed a minimum of one academic year** of an RN nursing education program approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing or a similar board in another state, with a minimum of 2.0 GPA and a grade of “C” or higher in all nursing courses. Evidence must be provided of **classroom instruction and clinical practice in nursing care of adults, nursing care of children, and maternal-infant nursing**. In addition, course content in anatomy and physiology, growth and development, mental health, pharmacology, and nutrition must have been successfully completed.

Until recently, medics in the United States Air Force trained at the 4N051 or 4N071 level could be considered for practical nurse licensure through

equivalency, based on the Board’s review of the Air Force curriculum that had verified the curriculum to be equivalent to what was taught in a practical nursing program. However, the Board has determined that the Air Force has changed the curriculum of the 4N051 and 4N071 program since the Board’s initial review, with the focus of the curriculum now being primarily on skills required by the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), rather than those required by the Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). Therefore, effective July 1, 2008, the *Rules of the Oklahoma Board of Nursing* were revised to remove the Air Force medic from the list of individuals who could be approved for practical nurse licensure through equivalency. Because the U.S. Army offers a state board-approved practical nursing program, U.S. Army medics who are graduates of that program are still eligible for licensure in Oklahoma.

Use of Required Board Credentials vs. National Certification Credentials by Advanced Practice Nurses

The Oklahoma Board of Nursing (“Board”) office has received numerous telephone calls from advanced practice nurses with American Nurses Credentialing Center (“ANCC”) national certifications, after the nurses received letters from ANCC that new **certification credentials** are now in effect for clinical nurse specialists and for nurse practitioners. The letters from ANCC suggested advanced practice nurses contact their Boards of Nursing to clarify appropriate credentials for their state since some titles are protected by state law.

The Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act (“ONPA”) provides title protection for all four of the advanced practice nurse categories in Oklahoma, that is: Clinical Nurse Specialist (“CNS”), Certified Nurse Midwife (“CNM”), Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (“ARNP”) and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (“CRNA”). In accordance with ONPA, only individuals who meet specific requirements and who have been recognized as advanced practice nurses by the Board may use these titles. Although the

Board requires an advanced practice nurse to hold national certification by an appropriate certifying body in order to obtain Board recognition that allows the advanced practice nurse to practice as a CNS, CNM, ARNP, or CRNA, the Board does not mandate that the certification issued by a national certifying body be used as a part of the professional title.

All advanced practice nurses with current recognition by the Board must use the protected title of R.N. when providing direct care to patients, in addition to using the appropriate advanced practice title (CNS, CNM, ARNP, or CRNA).

The use of national certification credentials and/or earned degrees may be used but are not required.

PEER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Do you or a nurse you know have a substance abuse problem? Let the Peer Assistance Program help you. The Peer Assistance Program is an alternative to the disciplinary process for nurses who abuse alcohol and/or drugs. Please call for information on how we can help:

PEER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Phone 405-525-2277
***All inquiries are handled confidentially.**

PEER ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED!

Do you have expertise in the area of substance abuse? Experience may be through education, employment or personal recovery. Would you like an opportunity for service work with your peers? Here is what one committee member had to say about why he wanted to serve: "I would like to give back to my fellow nurses and society in general what was given to me. If we can help a nurse who is sick with chemical dependency, we serve that nurse, the nursing profession and the public in general."

Peer Assistance Committees are necessary for the operation of the Program. Committee members determine a licensee's acceptance into the program; the terms of the participation contract; when the terms for successful completion have been met or termination from the program

for failure to comply with the contract. The members of the Peer Assistance Committee are appointed by the Board of Nursing.

Graduates of the program are eligible to apply.

For more information about serving on a Peer Assistance Committee, please contact:

**Laura Clarkson, Program Coordinator
2915 North Classen Boulevard - Suite 215
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73106
Phone) 405-525-2277**

Policies/Procedures/Declaratory Rulings: REVISIONS

Scope of Practice of Registered Nurse in the Role of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, Amended, Declaratory Ruling, was revised to include the performance of the duties in connection with the sexual assault exams by a properly trained and educated registered nurse must be in compliance with the International Association of Forensic Nurses ("IAFN") Pediatric and Adult/Adolescent Educational Guidelines for Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners. Previously, the Declaratory Ruling required education and training but did not specify the IAFN educational standards must be met. The amended Declaratory Ruling may be accessed online through the Oklahoma Board of Nursing's ("Board") website at: <http://www.ok.gov/nursing/rnsassault.pdf>

*Registered Nurse Administering, Managing and Monitoring **Non-Obstetrical** Patients Receiving Analgesia/Anesthesia by Catheter Techniques (Epidural, PCEA and Intrathecal Catheters) Guidelines and Registered Nurse Monitoring **Obstetrical** Patients Receiving Analgesia/Anesthesia by Catheter Techniques (Epidural, PCEA and Intrathecal Catheters) Guidelines* were revised to include education and training on **dermatomes**, which represent specific regions of nerve reception of sensory impulses, and on **enhanced assessment parameters**, including patients' vital signs, motor function, level of consciousness and perception of pain. These revisions clarify the expectations of training to improve patient care outcomes when medications are administered through catheter techniques.

Facility policies and procedures need to include patient monitoring information on **dermatome levels and more specific assessment parameters** to match

education and training on medication administration by catheter techniques. In additions, policies and procedures must address the types of tubing and catheters used in the facility to minimize the opportunities for errors to occur, such as tubing misconnections and interconnectivity issues. The Institute for Safe Medication Practices identified this patient safety issue and issued recommendations for prevention of errors in epidural infusions. The Joint Commission, also, issued a Sentinel 2006 because of possible inadvertent connections of wrong syringes and tubing for the delivery of medications or fluids, which have resulted in life-threatening patient incidents.

The *Registered Nurse Administering, Managing and Monitoring **Non-Obstetrical** Patients Receiving Analgesia/Anesthesia by Catheter Techniques (Epidural, PCEA and Intrathecal Catheters) Guidelines* may be accessed on the Board's website at: <http://www.ok.gov/nursing/epi1.pdf>

Administration of Epidural Medications by the Registered Nurse, Second Amended, Declaratory Ruling #1, was revised for congruence with changes in the *Registered Nurse Administering, Managing and Monitoring Non-Obstetrical Patients Receiving Analgesia/Anesthesia by Catheter Techniques (Epidural, PCEA and intrathecal Catheters) Guidelines*. The second amended Declaratory Ruling may be accessed on the Board's website at: <http://www.ok.gov/nursing/rnepiduralmed.pdg>

Workplace Employment Practice Issues

Over 11% of the practice calls/visits to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing ("Board") office during the third quarter (January-March 2008) were for employer-employee issues regarding employment, orientation, abandonment and/or staffing. Some of the nurses calling reported issues with facility supervisors and/or administrators; for example, requiring that nurses work 20-24 hours/day without relief on an ongoing basis with threats of reporting them to the Board for abandonment if they don't stay, assigning nurses to work with insufficient or no orientation to new areas, departments, or units where they were assigned, and directing nurses to perform medically delegated activities that are beyond the nurse's scope of practice and/or competency.

If a nurse exhibits conduct which jeopardizes a patient's life, health or safety by failing to utilize appropriate judgment in administering safe nursing practice or patient care assignment based upon the level of nursing for which the individual is licensed or recognized, the nurse may be in violation of the Rules of the Board, specifically

OAC 485:10-11-1(B) (4) (D) and the Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act (ONPA). Nurses working too many hours may exhibit impaired judgment and inappropriate decision making. Exhibiting impaired judgement and inappropriate decision making is a violation of the ONPA. Supervisors and nursing administrators requiring nurses to work too many consecutive hours; assigning them to work in areas where there has been no orientation, no educational preparation, or employment experience; and insisting they perform medically delegated functions beyond their scope of practice and competency, may also be in violation of the law.

The Board has approved an *Abandonment Statement* addressing the responsibilities of licensed nurses regarding patient care assignments and leaving the employment site during an assigned patient care shift, in addition to clarifying employment issues which are not considered to constitute patient abandonment. You may access the statement through the Board's website at: <http://www.ok.gov/nursing/prac-aband.pdf>.



BOARD 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, and request 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 location may be changed. The committee meetings are cancelled and rescheduled if it is determined a quorum will not be present.

<u>MEETINGS</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SITES</u>
Oklahoma Board of Nursing Generally begins 1st day-5:30pm 2nd & 3rd day-8:00am *Please check agenda for actual times	Jul. 22, 2008 (2:30pm start) Jul. 23, 2008 Sept. 23, 24, 25, 2008 Nov. 11, 12, 13, 2008	Holiday Inn 2101 S. Meridian Oklahoma City, OK Phone 405-685-4000
Advanced Practice Advisory Committee	Aug. 12, 2008 (2:30 p.m.)	Board Office
Formulary Advisory Council	Aug. 14, 2008 (1:00 p.m.)	Board Office
Nursing Education & Nursing Practice Advisory Committee	Oct. 6, 2008 (1:30 p.m.)	Board Office

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's): Nursing Practice/Advanced Practice

A "*Frequently Asked Questions*" section has been placed on the Practice/Advanced Practice page of the Oklahoma Board of Nursing website. After reviewing nursing practice questions asked most frequently over the past three years, twenty questions were developed. The answers to these questions have been placed on the website for illustration use only, and *cannot* be relied upon as correct under all circumstances. Each situation may present unique facts, and must be considered on a case-by-case basis. Listed below are the 20 FAQ's specific to the nursing practice of registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, advanced practice nurses and school nurses. By providing answers to these questions on the Oklahoma Board of Nursing website, information is readily available for nurses, employers and the public.

<REGISTERED NURSE AND LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE:

1. Is it within the scope of practice for a licensed nurse to pronounce a patient death?
2. How many consecutive hours and shifts can a nurse work? Can an employer force a nurse to work longer than scheduled, or to work overtime?
3. Where can I find a list of nursing activities or tasks that can be performed by a registered nurse and a licensed practical nurse?
4. Are licensed nurses required to carry their license cards with them? Are licensed nurses required to allow employers to copy their license cards?
5. I will be telenursing by interacting with clients in Oklahoma at a remote sites using telecommunication and electronic communication technology. Do I need an Oklahoma nursing license?
6. Who can initiate/develop the nursing care plan?

<REGISTERED NURSE:

7. Can a registered nurse who is *not an advanced practice nurse*, obtain and document a history and physical examination on a patient to make a medical diagnosis, and prepare a list of the patient's medical problems?
8. Can a registered nurse start his/her own business or corporation?
9. Is it required for a registered nurse to sign behind or "co-sign" nursing actions performed by a licensed practical nurse?

<LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE:

10. Can a licensed practical nurse perform an "initial" assessment?
11. Describe what "supervision of practice" means in relation to a licensed practical nurse functioning with a directed scope of practice "under the supervision or direction of a registered nurse, licensed physician or dentist."
12. What if a registered nurse, licensed physician or dentist delegates a task to a licensed practical nurse (L.P.N.) for which the L.P.N. has no education and training, or the task is beyond the scope of practice for the L.P.N.?
13. Can a licensed practical nurse (L.P.N.) supervise the practice of a registered nurse if the L.P.N. has more years of experience in nursing?

<ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE:

14. Can an advanced practice nurse diagnose and prescribe treatment for all persons?
15. Do advanced practice nurses need a DEA number, and are there limitations on the medications an advanced practice nurse can prescribe under a DEA number?
16. Is physician supervision required for prescriptive authority of advanced practice nurses?
17. Is a national certification required for advanced practice recognition by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing?

<SCHOOL NURSE:

18. Are school nurses regulated by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing and/or the Oklahoma State Department of Education?
19. Can a school nurse train an unlicensed individual to administer medications/treatments?
20. Can a licensed practical nurse function as a school nurse?



ORIENTATION TO THE OKLAHOMA BOARD OF NURSING FOR LICENSED NURSES

The Oklahoma Board of Nursing ("Board") is presenting a workshop entitled, "Orientation to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing for Licensed Nurses".

**All licensed nurses and nurse managers are invited and encouraged to attend this orientation.*

The workshop will provide information on the functions of the Board, the Peer Assistance Program, nursing practice and advance practice, nursing licensure processes, the investigative process and the Board's role in the regulation of nursing education. No other orientation to the Board will be scheduled in the Oklahoma City area this year.

DATE:	Wednesday, October 15, 2008
REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN:	8:30AM- 9:00AM
WORKSHOP HOURS:	9:00AM - 4:00PM
WHERE:	INTEGRIS Baptist Medical Center Conference Center 3300 N.W. Expressway Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112
FEE:	\$35 - Must be registered by September 30, 2008
??QUESTIONS??	Joan Misenheimer, Division Secretary, Phone 405-962-1801

REGISTRATION FORM

ORIENTATION TO THE OKLAHOMA BOARD OF NURSING FOR LICENSED NURSES

**Wednesday, October 15, 2008
8:30AM - 4:00PM**

NAME _____ **AREA CODE/PHONE** _____

ADDRESS _____ **CITY/ST/ZIP** _____

EMPLOYER _____

LICENSE NUMBER _____

***Registration Fee: \$35 *Please make checks payable to: Oklahoma Board of Nursing**

***Mail Registration Form and Fee to:**

**Joan Misenheimer, Division Secretary
Oklahoma Board of Nursing
2915 N. Classen Blvd., Suite 524
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73106**

SUMMARY OF BOARD ACTIVITIES

During the January 2008 meeting, the Board:

- Approved proposed revisions to the following policies, procedures, position statements, and declaratory rulings:
 - *Designation as a Board Approved Provider Procedure*
 - *Peer Assistance Program Evaluator Qualification Approval Criteria*
 - *Evaluator Qualification Approval Criteria Investigations Division*
 - *Reports Submitted from Nursing Education Programs on NCLEX Pass Rate Policy*
- Accepted follow-up report submitted by Northeast Technology Center, campuses in Pryor, Afton, and Kansas
- Adopted proposed *Rules Changes* as amended
- Reviewed survey visit report and granted full approval for five years to the University of Oklahoma, campuses in Oklahoma City, Tulsa, and Lawton; and Internet-based campus
- Reviewed survey visit report and granted full approval for five years to Autry Technology Center, Enid
- Approved Step I application for a new practical nursing education program at Comanche Nation College, Lawton

During the March 2008 meeting, the Board:

- Approved proposed revisions to the following policies, procedures, position statements, and declaratory rulings:
 - *National Certifying Bodies and APN Certification Examinations Approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing*
 - *National Certifying Bodies and Non-APN Certification Examinations Approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing*
 - *Preceptor Policy*
 - *Declaratory Ruling #3: Scope of Practice of the Registered Nurse in the Role of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner*
- Approved the request of Rogers State University, Claremore, for an extended campus in Bartlesville
- Deferred approval of Step I applications for new registered nursing education programs at ITT Technical Institute, Oklahoma City and Tulsa
- Approved Step II application for new practical nursing education program at Comanche Nation College, Lawton
- Reviewed 2007 NCLEX pass rates for Oklahoma nursing education programs
- Reviewed survey visit report and granted full approval for five years to Metro Technology Center, Oklahoma City

During the May 2008 meeting, the Board:

- Approved proposed revisions to the following policies, procedures, position statements, and declaratory rulings:
 - *Declaratory Ruling #1: Administration by a Registered Nurse of Epidural Medications*
 - *Registered Nurse Administering, Managing and Monitoring Non-obstetrical Patients Receiving Anal-*

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gesia/Anesthesia by Catheter Techniques (Epidural, PCEA and Intrathecal Catheters) Guidelines

- *Registered Nurse Monitoring Obstetrical Patients Receiving Analgesia/Anesthesia by Catheter Techniques (Epidural, PCEA and Intrathecal Catheters) Guidelines*
- Rescinded *Licensure Requirement for Provision of Nursing Care by Telecommunications/Electronic Communications Position Statement*
- Approved Step I application for a new registered nursing education program, ITT Technical Institute, Oklahoma City
- Approved curriculum changes requests from the following nursing education programs:
 - Bacone College, Muskogee
 - Seminole State College, Seminole
 - Redlands Community College, El Reno
 - Southern Nazarene University, Bethany
- Reviewed pass rate reports and accepted recommendations of Board Subcommittee to Review Pass Rate Reports for the following programs:
 - Southern Nazarene University, Bethany
 - Platt College RN Program, Oklahoma City
 - Platt College RN Program, Tulsa
 - Carl Albert State College, Poteau
 - Western Oklahoma State College, Lawton
 - Western Oklahoma State College, Elk City
 - Central Technology Center, Drumright
 - Langston University, Langston
 - Langston University, Tulsa
 - Platt College PN Program, Moore
 - University of Oklahoma, Lawton
 - Indian Capital Technology Center, Stilwell
 - Redlands Community College - Mercy Campus, Oklahoma City
- Reviewed survey visit report and granted full approval status to Rogers State University, Claremore
- Reviewed survey visit and pass rate reports and granted full approval status for five years to Northwestern Oklahoma State University, campuses in Alva, Enid, and Woodward
- Reviewed survey visit and pass rate reports and granted full approval status for five years to Oklahoma State University - Okmulgee. Requested a focus visit to be conducted in Fall 2009.

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Nursing Program	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	#2007 Candidates
Bacone College	67.70	80.80	76.00	81.80	61.11	68.75	58.82	78.57	72.41	100.00	10
Carl Albert State College - Poteau	84.80	92.60	78.80	85.00	94.74	90.24	100.00	93.33	95.83	73.91	23
Carl Albert State College - Sallisaw								80.00	100.00	100.00	9
Connors State College - Warner	87.20	85.40	91.40	87.00	94.44	77.27	77.78	92.00	100.00	95.65	23
Connors State College - Muskogee				100	100	87.50	78.79	91.67	100.00	91.43	35
East Central University - Ada	97.30	100.00	91.90	100.00	91.67	91.30	82.05	88.00	79.07	83.33	36
East Central University - Durant						81.82	100	91.67	81.25	88.24	17
Eastern Okla State College - Wilburton	94.30	61.90	85.40	52.90	76.47	93.75	52.38	88.88	84.21	86.36	22
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	80.00	10
Langston University - Langston	77.50	77.60	84.40	53.30	42.86	100.00	100.00	80.00	87.50	60.00	15
Langston University - Tulsa				85.70	81.25	71.43	78.94	69.23	91.11	65.96	47
Murray State College	87.50	86.50	71.10	73.20	66.67	96.00	85.71	87.50	98.04	80.70	57
Northeastern OK A&M College - Miami	84.80	78.60	78.10	62.50	90.00	92.86	89.58	87.50	100.00	84.78	46
Northeastern OK A&M College - Grove									100.00	100.00	2
Northern Oklahoma College - Tonkawa	86.00	89.10	98.00	100.00	90.00	92.86	90.00	86.21	81.25	95.83	24
Northern Oklahoma College - Enid				95.00	78.26	85.00	89.66	94.74	97.06	96.00	25
Northern Oklahoma College - Stillwater						100.00	100.00	88.24	86.36	87.50	16
Northwestern OK State University - Alva	73.70	71.40	87.50	75.00	100	33.33	66.67	50.00	93.33	70.00	10
Northwestern OK State University - Enid				83.33	83.33	100.00	88.89	82.35	100.00	73.33	15
Northwestern OK State University - Woodward								66.67	50.00	100.00	4
Oklahoma Baptist University	92.90	93.10	95.70	96.30	94.74	93.33	86.96	80.00	65.71	90.91	44
Oklahoma City Community College	90.60	78.60	68.60	85.20	85.86	89.00	86.61	83.47	85.71	89.55	134
Oklahoma City University	82.40	90.00	70.59	77.80	63.64	58.00	57.89	92.59	97.67	92.11	38
Oklahoma State University - OKC	91.00	76.90	71.69	86.90	88.41	86.00	81.61	89.42	96.04	93.97	116
Oklahoma State University - Goodwell				100.00	83.33	100.00	83.33	83.33	100.00	100.00	1
Oklahoma State University - Okmulgee								53.85	62.07	66.67	21
Oral Roberts University	73.70	56.30	83.30	80.00	86.67	83.00	74.07	83.33	89.29	76.32	38

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Nursing Program	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	#2007 Candidates
Platt College - OKC								84.00	69.39	47.57	103
Platt College - Tulsa									67.57	53.13	32
Redlands Community College - El Reno	85.00	82.60	64.30	90.30	84.62	88.89	69.49	87.17	94.74	83.72	43
Redlands Community College - Mercy Campus							100.00	71.42	50.00	66.67	18
Redlands Community College - OU Medical Ctr										58.33	12
Rogers State University	94.60	86.00	92.30	97.40	97.14	92.50	86.96	85.00	96.77	92.00	50
Rose State College - Midwest City	92.40	83.80	81.30	90.00	77.42	87.01	87.36	92.75	95.95	85.23	88
Rose State College - Internet Program				87.50	81.25	93.10	93.55	79.17	100.00	90.00	20
Seminole State College	95.20	95.70	88.00	100.00	77.78	84.21	88.00	85.71	90.48	76.19	21
Southern Nazarene University	84.60	92.90	93.30	57.10		66.67	50.00	46.67	85.19	68.97	29
Southwestern OK State University	86.20	92.30	65.20	100.00	100.00	82.35	90.00	93.33	83.33	86.11	36
Tulsa Community College	91.3	69.6	80.8	79.50	86.30	85.86	92.78	88.37	90.48	91.60	119
University of Central Oklahoma	86.90	87.90	87.90	86.10	83.61	78.85	90.91	91.89	93.55	90.24	82
University Oklahoma - Mercy					50	N/A					
University Oklahoma - OKC	89.01	80.50	88.60	91.60	84.21	86.32	83.48	92.36	91.62	84.02	169
University Oklahoma - Tulsa			100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	96.15	100.00	94.44	90.00	70
University Oklahoma - Lawton	100.00	82.40	71.42	88.57	78.13	96.00	90.63	80.56	82.05	59.52	42
University Oklahoma - Woodward/Enid			77.77	100.00	80.00	100.00	100.00				
University Oklahoma - Internet Campus									100.00	100.00	3
University of Tulsa	89.70	92.00	86.20	94.40	82.35	88.24	53.33	80.00	95.45	77.27	22
Western Oklahoma State College - Altus	90.50	82.40	82.40	95.80	90.91	91.67	81.25	93.33	82.75	80.95	21
Western Oklahoma State College - Duncan										71.43	7
Western Oklahoma State College - Elk City										60.00	10
Western Oklahoma State College - Lawton								92.86	82.35	75.00	32
Oklahoma Pass Rate	87.71	81.65	80.94	84.92	83.92	86.36	83.68	86.59	88.88	82.07	1,868
National Pass Rate	85.02	84.79	83.84	85.53	86.66	87.01	85.26	87.29	88.11	85.47	119,573

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Nursing Program	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	#2007	Candidates
Autry Technology Center	100.00	85.70	90.50	80.00	95.24	93.75	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	4	
Caddo-Kiowa Technology Center	80.00	91.30	83.30	86.70	90.00	95.83	100.00	89.47	72.73	88.89	18	
Canadian Valley Technology - Chickasha	84.20	70.60	92.90	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	95.24	93.75	100.00	20	
Canadian Valley Technology - El Reno	71.40	100.00	100.00	100.00	88.89	82.35	100.00	95.24	100.00	88.24	17	
Central Technology Center - Drumright	82.50	86.50	92.00	95.80	87.10	100.00	68.42		79.17	75.00	16	
Central Technology Center - Sapulpa							95		88.1	80.00	20	
Chisholm Trail Technology Center	100.00	90.00	88.90	80.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	77.78	9	
Equivalency (Air Force) *	100.00	83.30	85.70	100.00	100.00	56.25	85.71		70.00	89.47	19	
Francis Tuttle Technology Center	95.50	88.90	78.60	80.00	88.00	96.97	94.44	88.10	92.11	86.05	43	
Gordon Cooper Technology Center	87.00	85.00	87.00	100.00	77.27	80.95	86.36	92.59	100.00	96.15	26	
Great Plains Technology Center - Lawton	92.50	81.70	82.90	84.20	90.57	90.91	96.15	93.18	84.91	91.67	48	
Great Plains Technology Center - Frederick						69.23	62.50	80.00	71.43	100.00	9	
Great Plains Technology Center - Comanche Nation									100.00	83.33	6	
Green Country Technology Center	88.20	86.70	73.30	58.30	69.23	90.91	83.33	95.45	70.83	90.48	21	
High Plains Technology Center	87.50	89.50	68.20	53.30	68.42	94.12	81.82	85.71	68.75	80.95	21	
Indian Capital Technology Center - Tahlequah	90.00	70.60	100.00	100.00	84.62	90.00	100.00	90.91	100.00	100.00	9	
Indian Capital Technology Center - Muskogee	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	90.91	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	12	
Indian Capital Technology Center - Sallisaw	72.70	100.00	100.00	80.00	100.00	87.50	93.33	100.00	100.00	100.00	14	
Indian Capital Technology Center - Stilwell		85.70	100.00	80.00	71.43	66.67	100.00	100.00	100.00	70.00	10	
Kiamichi Technology Center - Atoka			60.00		66.67	N/A	91.30		100.00	100.00	6	
Kiamichi Technology Center - Durant	95.50	95.20	87.00	95.20	90.32	94.74	89.29	92.31	100.00	95.24	21	
Kiamichi Technology Center - Hugo	87.00	79.20	85.00	76.50	94.44	95.24	95.24	100.00	95.24	95.83	24	
Kiamichi Technology Center - Idabel	86.40	95.70	86.70	100.00	93.75	100.00	100.00	100.00	93.10	100.00	20	
Kiamichi Technology Center - McAlester	100.00	100.00	100.00	90.90	100.00	88.89	100.00	94.12	95.00	100.00	18	
Kiamichi Technology Center - Poteau	90.50	100.00	95.80	78.30	80.95	91.30	100.00	84.00	70.83	100.00	15	
Kiamichi Technology Center - Stigler			90.00		92.31	N/A	100.00		81.82	N/A	N/A	
Kiamichi Technology Center - Tahina	71.40		70.00	100	88.89	N/A	90.00		100.00	N/A	N/A	

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Meridian Technology Center	96.30	87.00	88.20	84.60	70.00	90.63	90.00	100.00	77.78	94.74	19
Metro Technology Center	82.80	73.90	83.30	78.90	90.91	82.61	90.00	90.00	97.30	92.31	52
Mid-America Technology Center	100.00	75.90	100.00	86.70	90.91	79.17	91.30	91.30	87.50	96.00	25
Mid-Del Technology Center	100.00	81.30	86.67	78.60	57.14	88.89	85.71	100.00	100.00	95.45	22
Moore Norman Technology Center	88.60	90.70	90.00	71.40	89.47	90.70	87.88	87.80	87.88	97.92	48
Northeast Technology Center - Afton	94.10	94.40	100.00	81.30	93.30	95.45	91.67	83.33	96.15	93.33	15
Northeast Technology Center - Kansas	92.30	75.00	61.10	93.30	84.61	71.43	85.71	85.71	84.21	92.31	26
Northeast Technology Center - Pryor	80.00	85.70	82.40	95.70	100.00	91.30	100.00	95.65	88.24	86.36	22
Pioneer Technology Center	76.20	76.00	88.90	81.30	100.00	94.12	100.00	100.00	94.74	100.00	9
Platt College - OKC	82.70	79.20	81.30	79.20	72.73	84.00	77.36	86.54	70.49	90.70	43
Platt College - Tulsa	60.00	92.60	95.0	94.30	87.88	86.15	90.77	93.15	97.22	93.67	79
Platt College - Lawton	67.70	86.70	78.30	76.70	70.27	93.55	86.49	86.96	83.33	83.33	18
Platt College - Moore								70.77	67.86	70.19	104
Pontotoc Technology Center	79.20	78.30	70.80	81.00	79.17	81.48	80.77	81.82	83.33	85.00	20
RN Educated Partial RN Completion **	96.70	96	96.20	96.20	96.90	98.57	94.96		98.17	96.04	101
RN Failure Taking PN **						97.30	95.65		100.00	100.00	8
Red River Technology Center	95.00	85.00	100.00	87.50	100.00	79.17	100.00	95.00	100.00	100.00	21
Southern Oklahoma Technology Center	84.40	81.40	82.10	100.00	93.75	78.57	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	9
Southwest Technology Center	95.70	96.00	90.90	79.20	91.67	82.61	92.00	100.00	88.24	83.33	18
Tri County Technology Center	73.70	79.20	93.10	96.30	80.00	97.14	96.00	100.00	91.18	97.06	34
Tulsa Technology Center	95.70	85.70	92.90	95.00	80.56	88.57	84.62	80.43	82.35	79.41	68
Tulsa Technology Center - St. Francis						100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	1
Tulsa Technology Center - Hillcrest							100.00	100.00	100.00		
Tulsa Technology Center - St. John's							100			100.00	1
Wes Watkins Technology Center	94.40	69.20	87.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	92.86	100.00	87.50	100.00	14
Western Technology Center	96.80	86.70	70.80	65.40	90.48	94.44	100.00	88.89	94.44	95.65	23
Oklahoma Pass Rate	88.61	87.40	87.12	86.41	86.07	89.21	91.81	90.95	88.95	90.14	1,248
National Pass Rate	88.69	86.32	85.1	86.46	86.50	88.21	89.36	89.06	87.87	87.25	60,238

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