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Welcome New Board Member Kathy O'Dell

The Oklahoma Board of Nursing proudly welcomes Kathy O'Dell, DNP, RN, CEN, NEA-BC, as a new Board member. O'Dell was recently appointed by Governor Stitt to a five-year term.

Kathy O'Dell graduated from Rogers University, Claremore, with an Associate of Applied Science degree, and later graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. In 2006, O'Dell graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a Master of Science Degree in Nursing Administration; and completed her Doctorate of Nursing Practice in 2015 through the Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia. She has recently participated in post-doctoral studies of Healthcare Law at Seton Hall University, South Orange, New Jersey.

Kathy has twenty-two years of nursing experience in an acute care setting; and, in the majority of those years, she served as the Director of Specialty Services and Director of Emergency and Urgent Care Services. O'Dell has served four years in her current role as the Director of Emergency/Trauma/Critical Care at Ascension St. John Medical Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Changes to Prescriptive Authority Renewal Requirements

Pursuant to Senate Bill 848, language of the Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act [59 O.S. § 567.4a] has been amended effective May 21, 2019, to include additional education requirements for prescriptive authority renewal.

Advanced Practice Registered Nurses including Certified Nurse Practitioners, Certified Nurse Midwives and Clinical Nurse Specialists who prescribe narcotics will need to complete the additional requirements for renewal. The recent change does not apply to Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists.

The minimal education requirements for renewal of prescriptive authority shall include, but not be limited to, documentation of a minimum of:

- fifteen (15) contact hours or (1) academic credit hour of education in 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, and;
- **two (2) hours of education in pain management or two (2) hours of education in opioid use or addiction, unless the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Board that the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse does not hold a valid federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) registration number. [59 O.S. § 567.4a(3)]**

The prescriptive authority application will be concurrent with your two-year RN licensure renewal and APRN licensure renewal. The application must include documentation of the required educational contact hours and a signed *Agreement for the Physician Supervising Prescriptive Authority*. The agreement form can be located on the Oklahoma Board of Nursing website at <http://nursing.ok.gov/forms3.html>.

Nursys e-Notify Resources Notification

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing provides the Nursys e-Notify system resources to both licensed nurses and employers of licensed nurses. Nursys e-Notify is an innovative national nurse licensure notification system that provides subscribed employers of licensed nurses real-time notifications, alerting the subscribed party when changes such as license status, license expiration, pending license renewals and public disciplinary action are made to a nurse's license record. Nursys e-Notify is a FREE, convenient way for nurses to receive license expiration reminders and status updates of their nursing license, and to track license verifications for endorsement. Licensed nurses and employers of licensed nurses may subscribe to the service FREE of charge at <https://www.nursys.com/EN/ENDefault.aspx>.

FREE Nurse Licensure Compact Webinars for Nurses and Employers

Jim Puente, Director, Nurse Licensure Compact will lead a series of brief webinars during which he will :

- Provide an overview of the Nurse Licensure Compact.
- Provide an update regarding status of pending legislation in various states.
- Explain Nursys, the national nurse licensure database and E-Notify.
- Explain requirements when changing primary state of residence.
- Give answers to your questions!

The webinar dates are September 15th, October 15th, and November 15th, 2019. Registration is available at <https://ncsbn.org/nlc-meetings.htm>

Physical Therapy Referrals

Effective November 1, 2019, Advance Practice Registered Nurses can make referrals for physical therapy. Except for workers' compensation claims, any person licensed under the Physical Therapy Practice Act as a physical therapist shall be able to evaluate and treat human ailments by physical therapy on a patient without a referral from a licensed health care practitioner for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days. Treatment may be provided by a physical therapist assistant under the supervision of a physical therapist. Any treatment provided beyond the thirty-day period shall be only under the referral of a person licensed as a physician or surgeon with unlimited license, or the physician assistant of the person so licensed, and Doctors of Dentistry, Chiropractic and Podiatry and an **Advance Practice Registered Nurse, with those referrals being limited to their respective areas of training and practice.** [59 O. S. § 887.17 (A)(1)]

Recent Policy Revisions

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

Approved Policies/Guidelines during the April 2019 Board Meeting:

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

Delegation of Nursing Functions to Unlicensed Persons, #P-02 available at <http://nursing.ok.gov/delegation.pdf>

Special Reports from Nursing Education Programs to the Board Guidelines, #E-06 available at <http://nursing.ok.gov/spec-rpts.pdf>

Approved Policies/Guidelines during the May 2019 Board Meeting:

CRNA Inclusionary Formulary, #P-50A available at <http://nursing.ok.gov/prac-crnafrm.pdf>

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

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

No More Traditional Nurse License Cards

Effective December 1, 2017, the Oklahoma Board of Nursing no longer prints traditional license cards. A process is in place in which the licensee may access the Board of Nursing website, click on License Verification, and after submitting name and licensure level, a “view” box appears next to the licensee’s name. After clicking on the “view” box, and entering an individual personal identification number, the licensee may print a paper license card to include the licensee’s name, level of licensure, license number and links to both the Board of Nursing verification site and Nursys national license database, where the current status of the license can be verified.

Cause for moving to a less-paper, verifiable system is multi-faceted. With increased reports of lost or stolen license cards, and cards never received in the mail, the new system reduces the risk of fraud and impersonation of Oklahoma-licensed nurses. Implementation of the new system enhances employer ability to verify current license status of licensed nurses employed and/or prospective employees, by going to a primary source to verify licensure. Employers may verify licensure through the Board of Nursing website at <https://apps.ok.gov/nursing/verify/index.php> or Nursys at <https://www.nursys.com/LQC/QCTerms.aspx>. In addition, the less-paper, verifiable system reduces cost to licensees for duplicating misplaced or lost license cards. Currently, fifty-three percent of all state boards of nursing use paperless initial license while sixty-seven percent of all states have paperless licensure renewal.

Routine Reminders and Links

Reminder for Change of Name

Licensees must provide certified evidence (a copy of marriage license or court action) regarding any change of name within 30 days of the change. To change your name, you must complete the Name Change Request form. The form is available on the Board of Nursing website at: <http://nursing.ok.gov/namechange.pdf>

Reminder for Change of Address

Have you had a change of address? If so, you **must** notify the Board office in writing within 30 days of the change. You may submit a signed and dated statement with your license number or Social Security number, your full name, and your new address. The change of address form can be accessed at <http://nursing.ok.gov/addresschgPSOR.pdf>

Notice to Licensees Submitting Online Renewals

The Oklahoma Board of Nursing online renewal system provides a convenient way for you to submit your renewal. However, it is essential that you protect the security of your online information. **Your PIN number, which is required for the renewal, should not be shared with anyone, not even with your spouse or support staff at your place of employment.** Your responsibility to renew your license **cannot** be delegated to another person. **You are the only person who can complete and submit the online renewal application!**

To access the online renewal: <https://pay.apps.ok.gov/nursing/renewal/index.php>

In preparing to submit your online renewal application, please visit the following link specific to Continuing Qualifications for License Renewal Guidelines: <http://nursing.ok.gov/cqlicenserenewal.pdf>

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