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### Welcome New Board Members Georgina Calhoun and Kathryn Taylor

The Oklahoma Board of Nursing proudly welcomes new Board public members, Georgina Calhoun and Kathryn Taylor. Calhoun graduated from Oklahoma State University with a bachelor's degree in Vocational Home Economics. She has served as an Extension Home Economist for both Dewey and Grady counties for over ten years. After several years as a stay-at-home mother and farm wife, Calhoun rejoined the work force as a part-time volunteer hospice coordinator, and later served as the Director of Television and Media ministry for the Epworth United Methodist Church in Chickasha until retirement in 2017. She and her husband reside in Ninnekah, Oklahoma, and enjoy their three grown children, two grandchildren and two grand-dogs.

Kathryn Taylor, a native of Weatherford, Oklahoma, graduated from Oklahoma State University with a bachelor's degree in Agribusiness and earned her law degree at the University of Oklahoma College of Law. She is the Vice President of Human Resources for Oklahoma Farm Bureau & Affiliated Companies. She previously served on staff for the Oklahoma Senate Pro Tempore's office and previously worked for Oklahoma Farm Bureau Legal Foundation. Taylor currently resides in western Oklahoma with her husband and two children.

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## Nurse Corps Loan Repayment Program

The Nurse Corps Loan Repayment Program (NCLRP) is authorized by the Public Health Service Act to address the needs for health care in underserved communities and helps develop the nursing workforce for the future. The NCLRP offers registered nurses (RNs), advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) and nurse faculty (NF) substantial financial assistance to repay a portion of their qualifying educational loans in exchange for full-time service either at a Critical Shortage Facility (CSF) or an eligible school of nursing. The accepted applicant must work at least two years in a CSF, or serve as nurse faculty in an eligible school of nursing.

Applications for the **2020 Nurse Corps Loan Repayment Program** are accepted through March 12, 2020. Before you apply, learn about application details including eligibility and service requirements in the [2020 Application and Program Guidance](#). For more information you may call 1-800-221-9393.

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## Multistate License Renewal: Clarification of Primary State of Residence

License renewal occurs every two years, even years for RNs and odd years for LPNs. Renewal of a multistate license requires the licensee to declare Oklahoma as their primary state of residence. This can be done by providing your Oklahoma address. If your mailing address is located in another state, you may provide a photo copy of one of the following:

- Driver's license with an Oklahoma address
- Voter registration with an Oklahoma address
- Federal income tax return declaring Oklahoma primary state of residence
- Military form 2058 with Oklahoma state of legal residence; and/or
- W2 showing Oklahoma as state of residence

If you have moved and Oklahoma is no longer your primary state of residence, you do not meet the requirement for an Oklahoma multistate license. Therefore, your Oklahoma multistate license will be converted to a single state license, valid only in Oklahoma.

If your new residence is located in one of the other compact states, you must apply for a license in that state. After your new multistate license is issued, your Oklahoma multistate license will be deactivated. The following video may be helpful. <https://www.ncsbn.org/13642.htm>

RNs and LPNs with a multistate license (primary state of residence is OK) are able to practice nursing in any compact state, without obtaining additional nursing licenses.

See the complete list of compact states @ <https://www.ncsbn.org/nlcmemberstates.pdf>

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## Outbreak of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) continue to closely monitor the outbreak of 2019 novel coronavirus. The 2019 novel coronavirus is a new virus that causes respiratory illness in people and can spread from person to person. Risk of infection is dependent on exposure. Close contacts of people who are infected are at greater risk of exposure, for example health care workers and close contacts of people who are infected.

Healthcare providers should immediately notify both infection control personnel at their healthcare facility and the **OSDH Acute Disease Service Epidemiologist-on-Call at (405) 217-4060** in the event of a patient under Investigation (PUI) for 2019-nCoV. OSDH will coordinate specimen submission and testing to CDC, including during afterhours. Additional guidance for healthcare workers can be located at [www.cdc.gov/nCoV](http://www.cdc.gov/nCoV).

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## Nursys e Notify Resources

**Nursys:** National database for verification of nurse licensure, publicly available discipline and practice privileges for RNs, LPNs and APRNs. Serves as primary license verification. Enrollment can be completed as an individual nurse or as an organization.

**Nursys e-Notify:** Hospitals and other institutions that employ nurses can enroll for this service. With enrollment, your organization will have the ability to receive automatic licensure information, securely and **free of charge**.

Provides Information regarding:

- Licensure expiration dates
- Upcoming renewals
- Public disciplinary action

**For more information:** A video is available and creating an account is free.

[www.nursys.com/e-notify](http://www.nursys.com/e-notify)

**For help contact:**

- Dennis Roy, National Council of State Nursing Boards, (312) 391-8251, [droy@ncsbn.org](mailto:droy@ncsbn.org)
- Gina Stafford, Oklahoma Board of Nursing, (405) 962-1840

## Nursys Frequently Asked Questions

[www.nursys.com/Help/FAQ.aspx?KEY=EN](http://www.nursys.com/Help/FAQ.aspx?KEY=EN)

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## Congenital Syphilis Task Force

The Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) is extending an invitation to healthcare providers in the State of Oklahoma to attend the Oklahoma Congenital Syphilis Task Force meetings. The rise in Congenital Syphilis across the state in 2019 saw a 92% increase in the number of congenital syphilis cases from the previous year.

The Task Force is a group of diverse professionals designed to assess congenital syphilis in Oklahoma and identify ways to reach the population at risk. The future meetings will be located at 1000 NE 10<sup>th</sup>, room 806, OKC from 10 am until 12pm. The meeting dates are March 10<sup>th</sup>, June 9<sup>th</sup>, September 8<sup>th</sup> and December 8<sup>th</sup>.

In order to create an accurate visitor list for the OSDH, please register if you are attending the meeting @ <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/oklahoma-congenital-syphilis-task-force-tickets-88878998477>

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## Renewal Reminders for APRNs Wanting to Renew Prescriptive Authority

The application for renewal of prescriptive authority is concurrent with the two-year (even years) RN and APRN licensure renewals. In preparing for prescriptive authority recognition renewal in 2020, please note the following reminders.

During your 90-day renewal period, per the *Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act and Rules*, all Certified Nurse Practitioners (CNP), Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS) and Certified Nurse Midwives (CNMs) must submit for **all** current supervising physicians, a new *Agreement for Physician Supervising Advanced Practice Prescriptive Authority* accessible at <http://nursing.ok.gov/pa-1.pdf>. The *Agreement(s)* for current physicians may be submitted in person, by mail, fax or as a scanned document to [obnwebmaster@nursing.ok.gov](mailto:obnwebmaster@nursing.ok.gov).

Changes in supervising physicians shall be filed with the Board within 30 days of the change. A *Change in Supervising Physicians* request form, accessible at <http://nursing.ok.gov/pa-2.pdf>, and fee must be submitted to the Board via mail or in-person along with the fee.

Both *Agreements* (for supervising physicians) and *Change Requests* must be received in the Board Office **prior to** the expiration date of your APRN license and prescriptive authority recognition.

The minimal education requirements for renewal of prescriptive authority are a minimum of 15 contact hours or one academic hour of education in pharmacotherapeutics, AND 2 hours of education in pain management, or opioid use or addiction for those APRNs who hold a federal Drug Enforcement Administration registration number.

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## Recent Policy Revisions

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

Approved during the September 2019 Board Meeting:

*Moderate (Conscious Sedation Guidelines for Registered Nurse Managing and Monitoring Patients, #P-06* available at: <http://nursing.ok.gov/prac-rnguid.pdf>

*Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Certification Examinations Approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing, #P-52-A* available at: <http://nursing.ok.gov/prac-natlcert.pdf>

*Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Certification Examinations NO LONGER Approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing, #P-52B* available at: <http://nursing.ok.gov/prac-natlcert.pdf>

Approved during the November 2019 Board Meeting:

*Placement of Nasogastric Tubes by Registered Nurses in Post Bariatric or Anatomy Altering (Upper Gastrointestinal Tract and Stomach) Surgical Patients Guidelines, #P-22* available at: <http://nursing.ok.gov/ngplacementpostbariatric.pdf>

*Information for Bulletins and Catalogues of Nursing Education Programs, #E-05* available at <http://nursing.ok.gov/ed-catalogueinfo.pdf>

Meeting Requirements for Continuing Qualifications for Practice for License Renewal Guidelines, #P-23 available at: <http://nursing.ok.gov/cqlicenserenewal.pdf>

All guidelines are available at: <http://nursing.ok.gov/prac1.html>

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## 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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