

**Emergency Rules effective April 21, 2020** through the duration of the Governor's emergency declaration for the COVID-19 outbreak, as declared by executive order of the Governor, or through September 14, 2021, whichever occurs first, unless superseded by another rule or disapproved by the Legislature.

**TITLE 485. OKLAHOMA BOARD OF NURSING  
CHAPTER 10. LICENSURE OF PRACTICAL AND REGISTERED NURSES**

**SUBCHAPTER 21. PANDEMIC LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS**

**485:10-21-1. Purpose**

The rules of this Subchapter have been adopted for the purpose of complying with the provisions of Executive Orders issued during a declared health emergency. These requirements, known as the Pandemic Licensure Requirements, shall assist in the licensure of nurses, non-licensed graduates of Board-approved nursing education programs and students of Board-approved nursing education programs.

**485:10-21-2. Continuing qualifications waiver for licensure/certification reinstatement**

(a) During the pandemic, continuing qualifications for licensure reinstatement to a temporary license or certification in the following sections are waived:

- (1) 485:10-7-4(h)
- (2) 485:10-7-5(g)
- (3) 485:10-9-4(h)
- (4) 485:10-9-5(g)
- (5) 485:10-10-8.1(d)
- (6) 485:10-10-8.2(f)

(b) An applicant must submit an application containing such information as the Board may prescribe and meet the qualifications established by the Board. The fee for issuance of a temporary license or certification is waived.

**485:10-21-3. Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)**

An APRN who holds an active APRN license in another state can be licensed in Oklahoma in the role and with the certification currently held in another state as long as a declared health emergency is in effect.

**485:10-21-4. Students or non-licensed graduates**

(a) A nursing student currently enrolled in a Board-approved registered or licensed practical nursing education program may be employed consistent with the Board's Employment of Nursing Students or Non-Licensed Graduates Guidelines.

(b) A non-licensed graduate of a Board-approved nursing education program may work as a non-licensed graduate as long as a declared health emergency is in effect under the following conditions:

- (1) Works under the direct supervision and direction of a licensed registered nurse in a hospital or nursing home for a maximum of 180 days immediately following graduation from a Board-approved registered and licensed practical nursing education program and has applied for nursing licensure in the State of Oklahoma.

- (2) Has received an Authorization to Test (ATT) from Pearson Vue. The ATT will serve as a Temporary Permit to practice nursing. If the graduate nurse fails the NCLEX exam then the Temporary Permit to practice nursing expires and is void.
- (3) The nursing graduate may perform continuing assessments or focused assessments of an assigned patient/resident; however, the nurse graduate shall not perform initial or change in condition assessments of a patient/resident.
- (4) The nursing graduate may follow healthcare provider orders for administration of medications and treatments. The nursing graduate shall not administer blood or blood products, intravenous medications; to include, but not limited to anticoagulants, emergent or intensive care drips, and insulin.
- (5) The nursing graduate shall wear a name tag that identifies the graduate nurse as a "graduate nurse-r.n." or "graduate nurse-l.p.n." as applicable.
- (6) The employing facility maintains written documentation of observed competencies that will be provided by the graduate nurse.
- (7) The employing facility maintains a written job description for the graduate nurse. The written job description may be more restrictive than this Rule provides but may not be less restrictive.