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outbreak, as declared by executive order of the Governor, or through September 14, 2021, whichever occurs first, unless superseded by another rule or disapproved by the Legislature.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.