

Agency Information Related to Executive Order 2021-11

Pursuant to Executive Order 2021-11, and effective May 4, 2021, Second Amended Executive Order 2021-07 is withdrawn and rescinded. Governor Stitt has rescinded the declared emergency caused by the threat of COVID-19 to the people of the State of Oklahoma.

The Pandemic Emergency Rules are NO LONGER effective.

This removes the authority for the Board of Nursing to issue COVID temporary reinstatement licenses waiving the continuing qualifications for individuals with an Oklahoma nursing license that has been inactive for less than five years. Individuals with this temporary license have a July 3, 2021 expiration date. In order to continue to practice nursing in the State of Oklahoma after July 3, 2021, these individuals must submit a Reinstatement Application and be granted permanent licensure in Oklahoma.

Non-licensed graduates of nursing education programs may NO longer use their Authorization to Test (ATT) as a Temporary Permit to practice nursing in an expanded role. All graduates of nursing education programs may practice in compliance with the Board's *Employment of Nursing Students or Non-Licensed Graduates Guidelines* available on the Board's website at <http://www.oklahoma.gov/nursing/education.html>.

In addition, individuals previously issued an Oklahoma COVID temporary out-of-state license, pursuant to the Second Amended Executive Order 2021-07, have a license expiration date of May 11, 2021. Pursuant to the Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act, this expiration date is extended to August 9, 2021. In order to continue to practice nursing in the State of Oklahoma after August 9, 2021, these individuals must submit an Endorsement Application and be granted license in Oklahoma.

Applications are available through your Nurse Portal Account by accessing: <https://okbn.boardsfnursing.org/okbn>

If you have questions regarding how to set up your **Nurse Portal Account**, instructions are provided at: <http://www.oklahoma.gov/nursing/forms.html>

Board Approved Nursing Education Programs

During the declared emergency caused by the threat of COVID-19 to the people of Oklahoma, nursing education program administrators and faculty used their professional judgment in planning and scheduling instructional experiences for nursing students. Should any of the instructional changes be considered for the upcoming year as permanent delivery of content/conduction of clinical experiences, nursing education program administrators are advised to assess whether the changes are aligned with the program's current Board-approved curriculum, and if the changes are in compliance with the Nursing Practice Act and Rules. If the preferred changes are not in alignment with the nursing education program's Board-approved curriculum, a curriculum change request must be submitted to the Board. Please consult with Terri Walker, Board Nursing Education Consultant, should you have any questions.

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