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Welcome New Board Members Callie Rinehart and Shaston Salie

The Oklahoma Board of Nursing (Board) proudly welcomes new Board members, Callie Rinehart, MSN, RN, and Shaston Salie, LPN. Governor Stitt appointed both Rinehart and Salie for five-year terms on the Board.

Callie began her healthcare journey at Bethany's Children's Health Center in 2008 as a nursing assistant. In meeting the qualifications for Practical Nurse equivalency testing while enrolled in a Board-approved Registered Nurse (RN) nursing education program, she obtained LPN licensure in the State of Oklahoma in 2010. In 2011, Callie completed her associate's degree in nursing at Redlands Community College and obtained Oklahoma RN licensure. In 2012, while continuing her employment at Bethany's Children's Center as a charge nurse/supervisor, she obtained her Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. While serving in Bethany Children's Health Center Nursing Education department, Callie created a continuing education framework for nursing staff. In 2018, Callie completed her master's degree in Leadership in Nursing and Healthcare Systems from the University of Missouri. While working in nursing management in the same health center, she also serves as adjunct faculty for Southwestern Oklahoma State University's LPN to BSN nursing education program. Callie volunteered with the National Council of State Boards of Nursing as a panelist on both the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX)-PN Knowledge, Skills and Abilities Panel as well as the NCLEX-RN Next Generation (NGN) exam. She enjoys spending time with her husband and their three children.

Shaston is a resident of Duncan, Oklahoma, and currently serves as the Assistant Director of Nursing at Elk Crossing Nursing and Rehabilitation. She has a strong passion for nursing and takes seriously her responsibility to provide ethical, safe, and resident-centered nursing care. Shaston is a graduate of Red River Area Technology Center, Duncan, and obtained her Oklahoma LPN license in August of 2005. Shaston began her nursing career at Gregston's Nursing and Rehab where she "fell in love with residents who lived there and the staff who took such pride in their work." In 2015, she took part in the opening of Elk Crossing Nursing, which provided an inter-generational program in partnership with Duncan Public Schools. Through her work as an LPN, Shaston has gained both strength and ambition in the nursing profession. Shaston serves on the Advisory Committee for the practical nurse education program, as well as the Advisory Committee for Health Career Programs, of the community technology center. She is honored to serve on the Oklahoma Board of Nursing and trusts that the opportunity will further enhance her devotion to the practice of nursing.

Employment Information Regarding New Graduates

As summer approaches, many nursing supervisors look forward to the opportunity to hire nursing graduates. Nurse Managers and employers may find the Board's guideline, *Employment of Nursing Students or Non-Licensed Graduates Guidelines*, helpful. The guideline can be accessed on the Board's website: <http://nursing.ok.gov/ed-guide.pdf>

As a reminder, the Registered Nurse is responsible for supervision and delegation to the unlicensed graduate. The *Delegation of Nursing Functions to the Unlicensed Persons* can be accessed on the Board's website: <http://nursing.ok.gov/delegation.pdf>

Prescribing Changes for Buprenorphine

The [Drug Enforcement Administration \(DEA\)](#) and the [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#) announced the elimination of requirements related to the X-waiver. According to the DEA and SAMHSA announcements, effective immediately:

1. Prescriptions for buprenorphine do not require an X-waiver number, only the DEA registration number;
2. Limits on the number of patients a practitioner may treat with buprenorphine have been removed; and
3. SAMHSA will no longer accept Notices of Intent for X-waiver registration.

Clinicians, including Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, with a current DEA registration number that includes Schedule III authority may now prescribe buprenorphine for opioid use disorder in accordance with their respective scope of practice. SAMHSA and DEA are actively working on implementation of a separate provision related to training requirements for DEA registration that becomes effective in June 2023. Please continue to check back at the following webpage for further updates and guidance: [Removal of DATA Waiver \(X-Waiver\) Requirement | SAMHSA](#).

Additional related information can also be accessed at: [DEA and SAMHSA Eliminate X-Waiver Requirements-ASHP](#)

Changing Supervising Physician for Prescriptive Authority

Under the Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act it is the responsibility of the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) with prescriptive authority to document with the Oklahoma Board of Nursing the supervising physician for prescriptive authority. If there is any change in the supervising physician, the APRN must document the change by filing a **Request for Change in Physician(s) Supervising Advanced Practice Prescriptive Authority** within thirty (30) days of the change. Notification of the change in supervising physician should be done through the Nurse Portal.

In effort to complete the process promptly, the APRN should review and follow the instructions for *Change in Supervising Physician for Advanced Practice Prescriptive Authority* located in forms/applications <https://nursing.ok.gov/pa-2.pdf>.

NOTICE: Should an APRN receive notice that the supervising physician is no longer available to serve as supervising physician, the APRN must immediately cease prescribing (unless the APRN has an additional supervising physician).

Communication Regarding Licensure Applications

The new online ORBS Nurse Portal launched on October 13, 2020. Through the Nurse Portal, applications, renewals, name, and address changes are submitted in an electronic format. As of November 1, 2022, all licensees and certificate holders will have created an individual portal account.

The Nursing Portal does have a Message Center tool which can be extremely useful to any applicant when seeking information regarding a license application. If you have questions regarding the status of your application, you may send a message using this tool. The Message Center tool allows for prompt communication with the licensing personnel and processing of the application.

NOTICE: Application Completion and Submission for Nursing Licensure

When making application for nursing licensure in the State of Oklahoma, the applicant must use the Nurse Portal. If you do not have a Nurse Portal account, you may set up your individual account at [Oklahoma Nurse Portal \(boardsofnursing.org\)](http://OklahomaNursePortal(boardsofnursing.org)).

When making application through your Nurse Portal account, please note the following:

The Oklahoma Nurse Portal works best on a Windows desktop personal computer (PC) or laptop in Chrome or Microsoft Edge browsers. **Mobile devices (cell phones, iPads, tablets) are not supported.** Individuals utilizing mobile devices for application submission (*to include license/recognition/certificate renewals*) are experiencing issues regarding payment received.

Notification of License Expiration

The Oklahoma Board of Nursing (Board) no longer mails a letter notifying the licensee of the upcoming expiration. However, a courtesy email reminder is sent to the licensee's email address as provided to the Board. A renewal is completed through the Nurse Portal.

NOTICE: The new online Nurse Portal was launched on October 13, 2020. Through the Nurse Portal, applications, renewals, name and address changes are submitted in an electronic format. Please click [here](#) for more information.

If you plan to change your license status from a single state to multistate, you must meet all requirements for a multistate license and submit fingerprints for a federal criminal background check. The Oklahoma Board of Nursing is not authorized to receive criminal history record information prior to receiving an application; therefore, you will receive information on obtaining a fingerprint-based background check in the Message Center of your Nurse Portal account after your application has been successfully submitted. To complete the application process, you should allow at least 2 weeks for the criminal background check results to reach the Board office. For complete instructions you should review <http://nursing.ok.gov/MSLexisting.pdf>.

Please consider enrolling in **Nursys e-Notify**, a FREE, convenient way for a nurses to receive license expiration reminders. Licensed nurses may subscribe to the service FREE of charge at <https://www.nursys.com/EN/ENDefault.aspx>.

Convenient Way to Provide Name and Address Changes

Name changes and address changes can now be provided through your Nurse Portal Account.

To make the name change, you will create an individual account through the Nurse Portal here: <https://okbn.boardsfnursing.org/okbn>. Name Changes are submitted through the *Other Application* link in your Nurse Portal account. In addition to providing your change of name, please upload a certified copy of the legal document changing your name to the newly requested name. If needed, additional instructions for creating your account can be viewed at: <http://nursing.ok.gov/nurseportalinfo.pdf>.

To change your address, access your Nurse Portal Account, click on “Manage Profile”. Next, click on “Demographics”, scroll to “Contact Information”. To complete the process, click on “+ Change Address”, noted on the right-hand side of the page, and enter your new address.

Recent Policy Revisions

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

Approved during the September 2022, November 2022, and January 2023 Board Meetings

Abandonment Statement, #P-11 <https://nursing.ok.gov/prac-aband.pdf>

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

Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Certification Examination No Longer Approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing for Initial Licensure, #P-52B <https://nursing.ok.gov/prac-natlcert.pdf>

IV Medication Administration by Licensed Practical Nurses Guidelines, #P-12
<https://nursing.ok.gov/IVMed.pdf>

Rapid Sequence Intubation Guidelines – Medication Administration by Registered Nurses, #P-19
<https://nursing.ok.gov/rapseqint.pdf>

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

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

School Nurse Position Statement <https://nursing.ok.gov/schlnurse.pdf>

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