

## OKLAHOMA BOARD OF NURSING STATEMENT

The HPTC Practical Nursing Program is approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing. Graduates of this state-approved program are eligible to apply to write the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for (registered or practical) nurses. Applicants for Oklahoma licensure must meet all state and federal requirements to hold an Oklahoma license to practice nursing. In addition to completing a state-approved nursing education program that meets educational requirements and successfully passing the licensure examination, requirements include submission of an application for licensure, a criminal history records search, and evidence of citizenship or qualified alien status. Applicants for practical nurse licensure must also hold a high school diploma or a graduate equivalency degree (G.E.D.) [59 O.S. §567.5 & 567.6]. To be granted a license, an applicant must have the legal right to be in the United States (United States Code Chapter 8, Section 1621). In addition, Oklahoma law only allows a license to be issued to U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, and legal permanent resident aliens. Other qualified aliens may be issued a temporary license that is valid until the expiration of their visa status, or if there is no expiration date, for one year. Applicants who are qualified aliens must present to the Board office, in person, valid documentary evidence of:

1. A valid, unexpired immigrant or nonimmigrant visa status for admission into the United States;
2. A pending or approved application for asylum in the United States;
3. Admission into the United States in refugee status;
4. A pending or approved application for temporary protected status in the United States;
5. Approved deferred action status; or
6. A pending application for adjustment of status to legal permanent resident status or conditional resident status.

The Board has the right to deny a license to an individual with a history of criminal background, disciplinary action on any professional or occupational license or certification, or judicial declaration of mental incompetence [59 O.S. §567.8]. These cases are considered on an individual basis at the time of application for licensure is made, with the exception of felony convictions. An individual with a felony conviction cannot apply for licensure for at least five years after completion of all sentencing terms, including probation and suspended sentences, unless a presidential or gubernatorial pardon is received [59 O.S. §567.5 & §567.6].



## CAREER OUTLOOK

\*Employment of licensed practical nurses is projected to grow 16 percent within the next 10 years, much faster than the average for all occupations. As the baby-boom population ages, the overall need for healthcare services is expected to increase. LPNs will be needed in many different areas of practice.



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The HPTC Practical Nursing program is approved by Oklahoma Board of Nursing and Oklahoma Department of Career & Technology Education. It is designed for adults who want a challenging career full of opportunities. The Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) works under the supervision or direction of a registered nurse, licensed physician or dentist.

Graduates are eligible to apply to Oklahoma Board of Nursing to take the NCLEX-PN licensure examination. Upon successful completion of the NCLEX-PN, graduates may work in many states. There are excellent opportunities for employment in hospitals, home health, long term care facilities and clinics. This program prepares for a lifelong career as an LPN or as a stepping stone for articulation and further education.



## COURSE CONTENT

Course content includes theory, lab skills and clinical practice in these areas:

- Medical Terminology
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Introduction to Nursing
- Long Term Care Nursing Assistant
- Fundamentals of Nursing Skills
- Pharmacology & IV Therapy Skills
- Medical Surgical Nursing I
- Medical Surgical Nursing II
- Pediatric Nursing
- Maternal – Newborn Nursing
- Mental Health Nursing
- Transition to Practice
- Clinical I, II, III, IV

Theory hours	791
Clinical hours	672
TOTAL	1,463

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants must have a GED or high school diploma and must be 18 years of age by the time the NCLEX exam is taken. The application process includes but may not be limited to the completion of practical nursing program application and all required documentation, pre-entrance testing and submitted references. Program expenses include tuition as well as program fees which may include books, uniforms and electronic tablets.

Financial aid is available for qualified students. Call HPTC Financial Aid office at 580.571.6177 to make an appointment.

**▶ To apply for the program, call High Plains Technology Center Practical Nursing at 580.256.6618.**

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