



OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
2018-323A

Kim Glazier, Executive Director
Oklahoma Board of Nursing
2915 N. Classen Blvd., Ste. 524
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73106

August 14, 2018

Dear Executive Director Glazier:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding action that the Oklahoma Board of Nursing intends to take pursuant to consent agreement in case 3.003.19. On September 23, 2004, the applicant voluntarily surrendered his/her RN license pursuant to a consent order with the Board. Under the consent order, the Board would not consider reinstatement for 2 years and the applicant would be required to appear before the Board before any reinstatement, which may be subject to further orders deemed appropriate. On December 6, 2017, the applicant submitted a RN reinstatement application. The Board proposes to approve the reinstatement application, but require the completion of an education course.

Under the Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act, the Board is authorized to regulate and control “[t]he education, certification and licensure of . . . nurses . . . and the practice of . . . nursing . . . in this state” and enforce its lawfully issued orders. 59 O.S.2011, §§ 567.2(A), 567.8. The Board may reasonably believe that the proposed action is related to its responsibility to ensure that licenses are only issued to qualified applicants.

It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the Oklahoma Board of Nursing has adequate support for the conclusion that this action advances the State’s policy to protect public health, safety, and welfare by ensuring that licenses are issued to qualified applicants.

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MIKE HUNTER
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA

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RYAN CHAFFIN
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