



OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
2019-80A

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

February 26, 2019

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 an agreed order in case 10.020.19. Between 2008 and 2016, the applicant pled guilty or no contest to six misdemeanors. In July 2018, the licensee submitted an NCLEX-LPN MSL application. The Board proposes to grant the application, but require the applicant to submit to an evaluation within 60 days of licensure, complete twice monthly drug screens until the end of the evaluation, and complete a remedial education course. Upon licensure, the license will be converted to a single state license until all of the terms of the order are completed; once completed, the MSL will be reinstated.

The Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act authorizes the Board to impose discipline when a nurse “[i]s guilty of a felony, or any offense reasonably related to the qualifications, functions or duties of any licensee.” 59 O.S.Supp.2018, § 567.8(B)(2). The Board may reasonably believe that the proposed action is necessary to deter future violations.

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 nurses meet minimum standards of professional conduct.

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MIKE HUNTER
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA

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AMANDA OTIS
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