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

February 17, 2016

Dear Executive Director Glazier:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding agency action that the Oklahoma Board of Nursing intends to take with respect to the Platt College Practical Nursing Program in Moore, Oklahoma. The proposed action is to grant full approval to the program for two years, after which time the program will be evaluated again. The action also makes recommendations for improvement during the two-year period, including the review of clinical laboratory equipment to ensure up-to-date equipment is available; the development of admission, progression, retention, and graduation policies that ensure acceptable program completion and exam passage rates; and implementation of policies improving the documentation of evaluation activities.

The Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act, 59 O.S.2011 & Supp.2015, §§ 567.1–567.20, requires the Board to promulgate and enforce educational standards for licensed practical nurses, 59 O.S.2011, § 567.12(B). The Board's standards require a systematic plan for evaluating the program and its educational outcomes, OAC 485:10-5-7(a), as well as adequate and up-to-date equipment, OAC 485:10-5-4(a), (c), (e). The rules also require that admission and graduation policies be designed to ensure that students maintain sufficient completion and licensing examination pass rates. OAC 485:10-5-5(a)(9). The action seeks to enforce the Board's standards by allowing the program to continue operating while it makes improvements in the identified deficiencies. The Board may reasonably believe that improvements can be made that would render the program fully compliant with state law.

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 of Oklahoma's policy that nursing education programs meet minimum standards of educational quality.

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E. SCOTT PRUITT  
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA