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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION  
2015-62A

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

October 15, 2015

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 in cases 10.044.16 and 10.045.16. The proposed actions are to require applicants for nursing licensure exams to take nursing law and critical thinking classes. The applicant in case 10.044.16 had a criminal history of misdemeanors including a public intoxication conviction in 2013 while the applicant in case 10.045.16 has a criminal history including dropped charges for passing bad checks and a conviction for larceny.

The Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act, 59 O.S.2011 & Supp.2014, §§ 567.1–567.20, authorizes the Board to discipline nurses who commit crimes involving dishonesty as well as those who are “intemperate in the use of alcohol or drugs, which use the Board determines endangers or could endanger patients,” 59 O.S.Supp.2014, 567.8(B)(2), (4). The actions seek to discourage and prevent unprofessional conduct in the future by requiring the applicants to seek education.

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 to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

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E. SCOTT PRUITT  
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA