

Report of Out-of-State Schools Approved to Conduct Clinical Learning Experiences in Texas

Summary:

The Board of Nursing (BON) provides a process for vocational or professional nursing education programs located out of Texas' jurisdiction to request to conduct clinical learning experiences in Texas. Rule 214.3(e) and Rule 215.3(e) set forth the requirements for pre-licensure programs desiring to utilize Texas clinical facilities for student learning experiences. A written request is to be submitted to Board Staff four (4) months prior to the anticipated start date of the clinical learning experiences. The requesting program must have approval/licensure, or be exempt from such approval/licensure to conduct business in the State of Texas by the appropriate agency, such as the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) or The Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB). A request to conduct clinical learning experiences may be submitted to the BON at the same time that an application is submitted to THECB and/or TWC, but the request to conduct clinical learning experiences in Texas cannot be approved until the program is approved by THECB and/or TWC to conduct business/educational activities in the State of Texas. An initial fee of \$500 is to accompany the written request for approval to conduct clinical learning experiences in Texas.

Board Education Guideline 3.1.1.f, *Process for Approval of a Nursing Education Program Outside Texas' Jurisdiction to Conduct Clinical Learning Experiences in Texas*, is available on the BON website and provides direction and the requisite form for programs to initiate a request. Upon receipt of a request from a pre-licensure nursing education program desiring to conduct clinical learning experiences, Board Staff will review and evaluate the accompanying materials, verifying that the credentials for the individual(s), the program liaison(s), and/or the faculty member(s) representing the program in Texas shall be equivalent to credentials required in Texas BON Rule 214 or Rule 215. Additionally, Board Staff review and verify required documentation for:

- evidence of the program's current approval/accreditation status by the state board of nursing from the state where the nursing education program originates;
- evidence of written plans for clinical supervision of nursing students enrolled in clinical learning experiences in Texas;
- evidence of a description of the type of the proposed clinical learning experiences to be conducted in Texas, including the geographic location, names of proposed clinical facilities, and the anticipated start date;
- evidence of written agreements between the program and affiliating agencies/clinical facilities which specify the responsibilities of the agency and the program;
- evidence of discussion of cooperative planning with directors of existing nursing programs for use of potential affiliate agencies and clinical practice settings;
- evidence of written policies related to the management of clinical learning experiences to be conducted in Texas;
- evidence of, if applicable, written criteria for the selection of competent clinical preceptors and verification of qualifications as required by Texas BON Rule 214.10 or Rule 215.10;
- evidence of a process for the evaluation of student performance in the clinical learning experiences, including the criteria for evaluating and the frequency of evaluation; and
- evidence of documentation of the specific clinical facilities to be utilized, the number of the program's students at each clinical facility, the number of the program's clinical faculty at each clinical facility, and the number of preceptors, if any, that will be utilized at each clinical facility.

Students shall not be enrolled in the clinical learning experiences until approval is granted by Texas Board Staff.

Ten (10) out-of-state nursing programs, representing both vocational/practical and professional nursing education, have approval from the BON to conduct clinical learning experiences in Texas. One (1) program is approved to conduct clinical learning experiences in Texas for individuals enrolled in the program's online refresher course. Five (5) of the pre-licensure nursing education programs were approved in 2008 and 2009 and the other five (5) were approved in 2012 and 2013. All but three (3) of the approved programs conduct clinical learning experiences in Texas on a regular basis, in concert with the traditional academic year. The other three (3) programs, South Dakota University, Northwestern Oklahoma State University, and Neumann University, conduct clinical learning experiences as student enrollment demands.

The following table lists the eleven (11) approved nursing education programs, their state of origin, and clinical experience locations:

Program	State of Origin	Clinical Experiences Location
Cossatot Community College Of the University of Arkansas	Arkansas	Texarkana
University of Arkansas Community College	Arkansas	Texarkana
University of Arkansas Medical Sciences College of Nursing	Arkansas	Texarkana
Southern Arkansas University	Arkansas	Texarkana
Riverland Community College	Minnesota	McAllen
Anamarc Educational Institute	New Mexico	El Paso
East Central University	Oklahoma	Denison, Plano, Dallas
Kiamichi Technology Centers, School of Practical Nursing	Oklahoma	Paris, Sherman, Mt. Pleasant
Northwestern Oklahoma State University	Oklahoma	Centerpoint (Summer Camp)
Neumann University	Pennsylvania	Laredo (one week cultural immersion experience)
South Dakota State University	South Dakota	Refresher Course Clinical (location varies with student residence)

Out-of-state programs approved to conduct clinical learning experiences in Texas are required to submit to the Texas BON office any changes to the information originally submitted with the request for approval. An annual update was just completed by Board Staff with all eleven (11) programs updating their information and intent to conduct clinical learning experiences in Texas.

This report is for information purposes only. No action is required.