

OKLAHOMA BOARD OF NURSING  
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Nursing Practice Opinion Requests Procedure

- I. Purpose: To provide a consistent mechanism for responding to requests for nursing practice opinions and to develop a form for submitting written requests to the Board.
- II. Policy:
- A. Requests for nursing practice opinions are received in Board office through telephone calls and/or written requests.
  - B. Requests are reviewed by Board staff, pursuant to the following considerations:
    - 1. If the question is answerable based upon the Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act (“ONPA”), Rules of the Board or previous action of the Board, Board staff responds to the request.
    - 2. If the question is not clearly answerable based upon the ONPA, Rules of the Board or previous action taken by Board, then:
      - a. The individual is directed to the Board’s website ([www.ok.gov/nursing](http://www.ok.gov/nursing)) to access a copy of the Board’s *Decision-Making Model for Scope of Nursing Practice Decisions: Determining Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner, Registered Nurse and Licensed Practical Nurse Scope of Practice Guidelines*.
      - b. The individual is instructed to contact the Board office for further directions regarding the request for a nursing practice opinion, if the individual’s questions are not answered after reviewing the *Decision-Making Model for Scope of Nursing Practice Decisions: Determining Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner, Registered Nurse and Licensed Practical Nurse Scope of Practice Guidelines*.
  - C. If the matter is not resolved through step 1 or step 2 of #B above, the individual requesting a nursing practice opinion must submit a completed *Nursing Practice Opinion Requests* form with supporting documentation.
  - D. The *Nursing Practice Opinion Requests* form and documentation may be scheduled for review by appropriate committee(s) of the Board, as follows:
    - 1. The individual requesting an opinion is notified of the *Nursing Practice Opinion Requests Procedure* and committee meeting date(s).
    - 2. Board committee(s) may submit recommendations to the Board to address an issue identified through a request for a nursing practice opinion.
    - 3. The Board reviews committee recommendations and determines the course of action to be taken.

4. The individual requesting the nursing practice opinion is notified of the action of the Board.
- E. The request for nursing practice opinion may necessitate other options for resolution, such as a Declaratory Ruling or Position Statement, rather than a resolution through recommendations to the Board from committees. Requests for a nursing practice opinion may be subject to review and direction by the Board's legal counsel to determine the appropriate mechanism for addressing the requests.
- F. Petitions for Declaratory Ruling must be in compliance with the Rules of the Board, specifically, OAC 485:1-1-5.

III. Regulatory Authority:

59 O.S. §567.1 et seq.  
OAC 485

**NURSING PRACTICE OPINION REQUESTS FORM**  
**To Be Completed by Individual Requesting Opinion**

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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City	State	Zip Code
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Telephone Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Work (area code) + number	Home (area code) + number
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Employer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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City	State	Zip Code
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Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Identify the specific nursing practice question(s)/issue that you are asking to be addressed.

3. State your position regarding this issue.

4. Attach documentation regarding the question/issue (such as: literature, position statements, policies, and training requirements).

5. Reason for requesting a nursing practice opinion on the question/issue.