**Oklahoma Board of Nursing
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Information for Bulletins and Catalogues
of Nursing Education Programs**

Western Technology Center Practical Nursing is approved by the Oklahoma
Board of Nursing. Graduates of this state-approved program are eligible to apply
to write the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for (registered or
practical) nurses. Applicants for Oklahoma licensure must meet all state and
federal requirements to hold an Oklahoma license to practice nursing. In addition,
to completing a state-approved nursing education program that meets educational
requirements and successfully passing the licensure examination, requirements
include submission of an application for licensure, a criminal history records
search, and evidence of citizenship or qualified alien status [59 O.S. §§567.5 &
567.6]. To be granted a license, an applicant must have the legal right to be in the
United States (United States Code Chapter 8, Section 1621). In addition,
Oklahoma law only allows a license to be issued to U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals,
and legal permanent resident aliens. Other qualified aliens may be issued a
temporary license that is valid until the expiration of their visa status, or if there is
no expiration date, for one year. Applicants who are qualified aliens must present
to the Board office, in person, valid documentary evidence of:
1. A valid, unexpired immigrant or nonimmigrant visa status for admission
into the United States;
2. A pending or approved application for asylum in the United States;
3. Admission into the United States in refugee status;
4. A pending or approved application for temporary protected status in the
United States;
5. Approved deferred action status; or

6. A pending application for adjustment of status to legal permanent resident
status or conditional resident status.
The Board has the authority to deny a license, recognition or certificate; issue a
license, recognition or certificate with conditions and/or an administrative
penalty; or to issue and otherwise discipline a license, recognition or certificate to
an individual with a history of criminal background, disciplinary action on any
professional or occupational license or certification, or judicial declaration of
mental incompetence [59 O.S. §567.8]. These cases are considered on an
individual basis at the time application for licensure is made. Potential applicants
to state-approved education programs, with a criminal history, may obtain a
determination of eligibility for licensure or certification from the Oklahoma Board
of Nursing for a fee. The determination of eligibility for licensure petition can be
accessed at <http://nursing.ok.gov/initialdeterm.pdf>.

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