

SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR THE REGISTERED NURSE

The practice of nursing is defined in the Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act as “the performance of services provided for purposes of nursing diagnosis and treatment of human responses to actual or potential health problems consistent with educational preparation. Knowledge and skill are the basis for assessment, analysis, planning, intervention, and evaluation used in the promotion and maintenance of health and nursing management of illness, injury, infirmity, restoration or optimal function, or death with dignity. Practice is based on understanding the human condition across the human lifespan and understanding the relationship of the individual within the environment. This practice includes execution of the medical regime including the administration of medications and treatments prescribed by any person authorized by state law to so prescribe.”

Registered nursing means the practice of the full scope of nursing which includes, but is not limited to:

- assessing the health status of individuals, families and groups,
- analyzing assessment data to determine nursing care needs,
- establishing goals to meet identified health care needs,
- planning a strategy of care,
- establishing priorities of nursing intervention to implement the strategy of care,
- implementing the strategy of care,
- delegating such tasks that may safely be performed by others, consistent with educational preparation and that do not conflict with the Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act,
- providing safe and effective nursing care rendered directly or indirectly,
- evaluating responses to interventions,
- teaching the principles and practice of nursing,
- managing and supervising the practice of nursing,
- collaborating with other health professionals in the management of health care,
- performing additional nursing functions in accordance with knowledge and skills acquired beyond basic nursing preparation, and
- delegating those nursing tasks as defined in the rules of the Board that may be performed by an advanced unlicensed assistive person.

Inability to perform any of the above due to physical limitation may prevent admission to the program and/or prevent the graduate from obtaining a license as a Registered Nurse.