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## Welcome New Board Member, Susan (Susie) Jones!

The Oklahoma Board of Nursing welcomes new Board member, Susan (Susie) Jones, PhD, RN, APRN-CNS, CCNS-P. Susie is an Oklahoma native who has worked as a nurse for more than 30 years. Susie graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1982 with a BS in Nursing. Prior to joining INTEGRIS Baptist Medical Center, she spent nearly 14 years at the Oklahoma University Health Sciences Center in staff roles in adult and pediatric Intensive Care Units (ICU), and as a flight nurse. The majority of the past 20 years at INTEGRIS Baptist Medical Center, Susie worked in the Pediatric ICU and in furthering evidence based practice and research. Susie completed her Master's degree from the University of Oklahoma and obtained licensure as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Clinical Nurse Specialist in 2002. She has held advanced practice registered nursing roles at both INTEGRIS Baptist Medical Center and the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine - Surgery Section - Pediatric division. Susie is currently the Administrative Director for Quality, Research and Advanced Practice at INTEGRIS Baptist Medical Center. In this role, she works with nurses, physicians and other members of the multidisciplinary team to ensure patients receive the right care, in the right location, at the right time, every time. "I am excited about this opportunity to work with the Oklahoma Board of Nursing," stated Jones.

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## Consensus Model Brings Change to APRN Certificates

The APRN Consensus Model is the product of collaborative effort among nursing organizations interested in making APRN practice more uniform. The uniformity anticipated by the APRN Consensus Model will engage changes in education and licensure.

Regarding the content of the new Consensus Model-based APRN examinations (programs), there has been significant change to the content of the new examinations to meet the mandate to incorporate Gerontology into the Adult CNP and CNS programs. Gerontology-specific patient care problems, activities and skills are integrated throughout the new examinations for Certified Nurse Practitioners and Clinical Nurse Specialists. Additionally, patient care problems, activities, skills and competencies reflecting the wellness-through-acute care continuum have been integrated into the examinations for Clinical Nurse Specialist.

It is important to note that the Oklahoma Board of Nursing adopted the Model Rules of National Council of State Boards of Nursing regarding APRN certification programs. The Oklahoma Board of Nursing Rules; OAC 485:10-15-4(d)(5), require that all certification programs (examinations) be accredited by a national accreditation body.

In January 2013 new examinations were launched, pending accreditation, by certifying bodies. In January 2014 the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Program's examination for the Adult Gerontology **Primary Care** Nurse Practitioner Certification was accredited; in April 2014 the American Nurses Credentialing Center's examination for the Adult Gerontology **Acute Care** Nurse Practitioner Certification was accredited; and in July 2014 the American Nurses Credentialing Center's examination for the Adult Gerontology **Primary Care** Nurse Practitioner Certification was accredited. All of these examinations have been added to the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Certification Examinations Approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing. The list of approved APRN national certification examinations can be viewed on the website at <http://ok.gov/nursing/prac-natlcert.pdf> . The Oklahoma Board of Nursing staff will continue to monitor the new examinations as they progress through the accreditation process. Once an examination is accredited, a request for inclusion to the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Certification Examinations Approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing will be presented to Board members for approval. Applicants are encouraged to review the list prior to examination.

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### Recent Policy Revisions

The following policies have been reviewed/approved and are available for review by hyperlink provided:

#### **Approved Policies/Guidelines during the May 2014 Board Meeting:**

Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Certification Examinations Approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing, #P-52-A, available at: <http://www.ok.gov/nursing/prac-natlcert.pdf>

Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Certification Examinations No Longer Approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing, #P-52-B, available at: <http://www.ok.gov/nursing/prac-natlcert.pdf>

Complete May 2014 Board Meeting Minutes are available at: <http://www.ok.gov/nursing/bdminmay14.pdf>

#### **Approved Policies/Guidelines during the July 2014 Board Meeting:**

CRNA Inclusionary Formulary, #P-50 A, available at: <http://www.ok.gov/nursing/prac-crnafrm.pdf>

Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Certification Examinations Approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing, #P-52-A, available at: <http://www.ok.gov/nursing/prac-natlcert.pdf>

Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Certification Examinations No Longer Approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing, #P-52-B, available at: <http://www.ok.gov/nursing/prac-natlcert.pdf>

Complete July 2014 Board Meeting Minutes will be available **following** the September 23-25, 2014 meeting at: <http://www.ok.gov/nursing/bdminjul14.pdf>

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## Reminder for Change of Name

To change your name, you must complete the Name Change Request form. The form is available on the Board of Nursing website at: <http://www.ok.gov/nursing/namechange.pdf>

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## Reminder for Change of Address

Have you had a change of address? If so, you **must** notify the Board office in writing within 30 days of the change. You may submit a signed and dated statement with your license number or Social Security number, your full name, and your new address. Alternatively, you may complete your change of address on the Board's website: <https://www.ok.gov/nursing/renewal/login.php>

## Notice to Licensees Submitting Online Renewals

The Oklahoma Board of Nursing online renewal system provides a convenient way for you to submit your renewal. However, it is essential that you protect the security of your online information. **Your PIN number, which is required for the renewal, should not be shared with anyone, not even with your spouse or support staff at your place of employment.** Your responsibility to renew your license **cannot** be delegated to another person. **You are the only person who can complete and submit the online renewal application!**

To access the online renewal:  
<https://www.ok.gov/nursing/renewal/index.php>

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