



OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION  
2018-218A

Kim Glazier, Executive Director  
Oklahoma Board of Nursing  
2915 N. Classen Blvd., Ste. 524  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73106

June 19, 2018

Dear Executive Director Glazier:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding action that the Oklahoma Board of Nursing intends to take in case 3.291.17. In 2017, the licensee entered into an agreed order with the Board. Later that year, the licensee failed to comply with the order and as a result, the license was suspended. The licensee has now submitted an application for reinstatement. The Board proposes grant the application, but require the licensee to submit to a medical evaluation and resume body fluid testing twice monthly for 11 months.

The Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act authorizes the Board to impose discipline when a nurse "[i]s guilty of unprofessional conduct," or has "[v]iolated . . . an order of the Board." 59 O.S.Supp.2017, § 567.8(B)(7), (9). The Board may reasonably believe that the proposed action is necessary to prevent future violations.

It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the Oklahoma Board of Nursing has adequate support for the conclusion that this action advances the State's policy to protect public health, safety, and welfare by ensuring nurses meet minimum standards of professional conduct.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Hunter".

MIKE HUNTER  
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Chaffin", followed by a horizontal line.

RYAN CHAFFIN  
DEPUTY CHIEF - ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL