

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

3 HOUSE BILL 1465

By: Sneed

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to professions and occupations;  
8 amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 567.12, which relates  
9 to registered nurse programs; adding program; and  
10 providing an effective date.

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12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 567.12, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 567.12 A. To qualify in this state as an approved  
16 program for registered nurses, the program shall be conducted in the  
17 State of Oklahoma in an accredited college or university leading to  
18 an associate, baccalaureate, or higher degree in nursing. Such  
19 programs shall meet the standards fixed by the Oklahoma Board of  
20 Nursing and prescribed in its rules.

21 B. To qualify in the State of Oklahoma as an approved diploma  
22 program for registered nurses, or an LPN to Diploma RN ladder  
23 program for registered nurses, the program shall be conducted in the  
24 State of Oklahoma in a technology center approved by the Oklahoma

1 Department of Career and Technology Education, a nationally  
2 accredited college, or an accredited college or university and shall  
3 meet the standards fixed by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing as  
4 prescribed in its rules unless otherwise prescribed in the Oklahoma  
5 Nursing Practice Act. Length of approved diploma RN programs shall  
6 be:

7 1. Standalone diploma programs for registered nurses shall have  
8 a minimum of one thousand three hundred (1,300) clock hours, but not  
9 to exceed one thousand five hundred (1,500) clock hours, in nursing  
10 education. This shall include nursing education consisting of  
11 didactic, laboratory, and clinical courses. Additional required  
12 non-nursing coursework shall not exceed three hundred thirty (330)  
13 clock hours or twenty-one (21) credit hours;

14 2. LPN to diploma RN ladder programs awarding credit to  
15 Licensed Practical Nurses shall have a minimum of six hundred (600)  
16 clock hours beyond the practical nursing education, but not to  
17 exceed seven hundred (700) clock hours in nursing education. This  
18 shall include nursing education consisting of didactic, laboratory,  
19 and clinical courses. Additional required non-nursing coursework  
20 shall not exceed three hundred thirty (330) clock hours or twenty-  
21 one (21) credit hours and may include non-nursing coursework  
22 completed in practical nursing education.

23 C. To qualify in this state as an approved program for  
24 practical nurses, the program shall be conducted in this state in a

1 school or skill center approved by the Oklahoma Department of Career  
2 and Technology Education or licensed by the Oklahoma Board of  
3 Private Vocational Schools. Such programs shall meet the standards  
4 fixed by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing as prescribed in its rules,  
5 which shall conform to the provisions of this subsection.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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