

Langston University School of Nursing



FROM: Teressa Hunter, **Ph.D.**, RN
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RE: Fall Admission for Langston and Tulsa Campuses and Spring Admission for
Tulsa Campus and Ardmore Site

Thank you for your interest in applying for admission to Langston University School of Nursing. For **fall admission** to Langston or Tulsa campuses, you must submit the following documentation **postmarked on or before March 1**. For **spring admission** to the Tulsa campus or Ardmore site, you must submit the documentation **postmarked on or before October 1**. Your consideration for acceptance into the nursing program will be for full-time enrollment.

You are required to complete an application for admission to Langston University before admission to the nursing program. The application for admission to Langston University is found at <http://www.langston.edu/apply-now>

Along with your application, submit the following information:

1. Official transcripts from **all** universities and/or colleges attended as well as from AON and LPN programs, (including Langston University).
2. TOEFL Score if secondary education was in a school outside of the United States.
3. Typed two-page essay (12 font Times New Roman) describing the following:
 - a. Plan for completing prerequisite courses, if not already completed.
 - b. Reasons you selected nursing as a career.
 - c. Reasons for choosing the Langston University School of Nursing.
 - d. Your specific plans to ensure your success in the nursing program.

After admittance to the program, be aware that the following are **required during your tenure** in the School of Nursing (SoN):

1. Verify completion of **all** prerequisites with an official transcript(s) from all schools attended.
2. A nationwide criminal background check is required before classes begin. Information about obtaining a nationwide criminal background check will be given to you during orientation.
3. A drug screen will be required before classes begin. Information about obtaining the drug screen will be given during orientation.
4. Textbooks may be purchased through the Langston University Bookstore.
5. A complete current immunization record indicating freedom from tuberculosis, proof of **MMR**, varicella, hepatitis, tetanus immunizations, and the influenza vaccine. (All clinical agencies require current immunizations.) You will **NOT** be allowed to enroll without an up-to-date immunization record on file.
6. Provide your own transportation to clinical facilities and classes.
7. Maintain a current American Heart Association CPR Basic Cardiovascular Life Support (BCLS) for the health care provider.
8. Your **application** must be received on or before or postmarked by **March 1st** for fall admission to Langston or Tulsa campuses and **October 1st** for spring admission to Tulsa campus or Ardmore site.
9. **An interview will be required.**

Submit an application to campus/site for which you are applying:

Langston University School of Nursing (Langston Campus)
ATTN: Admissions Progression and Graduation Committee
215 Allied Health Center, Langston, OK 73050
405-466-3415

or
Langston University School of Nursing (Tulsa Campus)
ATTN: Admissions Progression and Graduation Committee
914N. Greenwood, Tulsa, OK 74106
918-594-8195

or
Langston University School of Nursing (Ardmore site)
ATTN: Admissions Progression and Graduation Committee
2901 Mt. Washington Rd., Ardmore, OK 73401
(580)319-0337

NOTICE OF OKLAHOMA BOARD OF NURSING RULE CHANGE REGARDING CRIMINAL OFFENSES AND BACKGROUND CHECKS

Please note and acknowledge the following notice from the Oklahoma Board of Nursing effective November 1, 2019.

The Oklahoma Board of Nursing has promulgated rules setting forth a list of criminal offenses that disqualify one from becoming or remaining a licensed nurse or certified Advanced Unlicensed Assistant. Potential applicants with a criminal history can obtain an initial determination of eligibility for licensure or certification. These rules comply with amendments to the Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act (OPNA), 59 O.S. §§ 561.1 *et seq.*, effective November 1, 2019.

The rules regarding licensure or certification of individuals with a criminal history and the procedure for obtaining an initial determination of eligibility are listed below. If you believe these rules may apply to you, or if you have further questions, please reach out to the Dean of the School of Nursing and Health Professions, Dr. Teressa Hunter, at teressa.hunter@langston.edu.

Oklahoma Administrative Code 485:10-11-4. Licensure or Certification of Individuals with Criminal History.

(a) Purpose and Applicability. This section establishes the criteria utilized by the Board in determining the effect of criminal history on eligibility for nursing licensure or Advanced Unlicensed Assistant (AUA) certification and implements the requirements of Oklahoma Statutes Title 59 Sections 567.1. *et seq.* and 4000.1 (2019). This section applies to:

- (1) all currently licensed nurses and holders of an AUA certificate;
- (2) all individuals seeking to obtain a nursing license or AUA certificate; and
- (3) all individuals seeking an initial determination of their eligibility for nursing licensure or AUA certification.

(b) The felonies listed below in subsection (c) disqualify an individual from retaining licensure or becoming licensed as a nurse or retaining certification or becoming certified as an AUA in Oklahoma. However, subsection (c) is not an exhaustive or exclusive list of crimes, both felonies and misdemeanors resulting in a conviction or a deferred sentence, that may result in discipline from the Board of Nursing, up to and including revocation. The felonies listed in subsection (c) disqualify an individual because they substantially relate to the practice of nursing and pose a reasonable threat to public safety for the reasons stated below.

- (1) **The practice of nursing is a unique profession.** Licensees and certificate holders practice nursing autonomously in a wide variety of settings and provide care to patients who are, by virtue of their illness or injury, physically, emotionally, and/or financially vulnerable. These patients often include the elderly, children, those with mental or

cognitive disorders, sedated or anesthetized patients, and/or disabled or immobilized individuals. Individuals who have engaged in criminal conduct place patients, healthcare employers and employees; and the public at risk of harm.

(2) **Crimes involving fraud and/or theft.** Licensees and certificate holders often have unfettered access to patients' privileged information, financial information, and valuables, including but not limited to medications, money, jewelry, credit cards/checkbook, and/or sentimental items. The practice of nursing continues 24 hours per day in all healthcare settings, including those where there is often no direct supervision of the individual. Patients in these healthcare settings are particularly vulnerable to the unethical, deceitful, and illegal conduct of a licensee or certificate holder. When an individual has engaged in criminal behavior involving fraud and/or theft, the Board is mindful that similar misconduct may be repeated in healthcare settings, thereby placing patients, healthcare employers and employees, and the public at risk. As such, crimes involving any type of fraud and/or theft are highly relevant to an individual's ability to provide safe nursing care.

(3) **Crimes involving sexual misconduct.** Licensees and certificate holders frequently provide nursing care to partially clothed or fully undressed patients who are particularly vulnerable to exploitation. Due to the intimate nature of nursing care, professional boundaries in the practice of nursing are extremely important. When an individual has engaged in criminal behavior involving any type of sexual misconduct, the Board is mindful that similar misconduct may be repeated in healthcare settings. As such, crimes involving any type of sexual misconduct are highly relevant to an individual's ability to provide safe nursing care.

(4) **Crimes involving lying, falsification, and/or deception.** Licensees and certificate holders are required to accurately and honestly report and record information in a variety of places, such as medical records, pharmacy records, billing records, nursing notes, and plans of care, as well as to report errors in their own nursing practice. When an individual has engaged in criminal behavior involving lying, falsification, and/or deceptive conduct, the Board is mindful that similar misconduct may be repeated in healthcare settings, thereby placing patients, healthcare employers and employees, and the public at risk of harm. As such, crimes involving any type of lying, falsification and/or deception are highly relevant to an individual's ability to provide safe nursing care.

(5) **Crimes involving drugs and/or alcohol.** Licensees and certificate holders have a duty to their patients to provide safe, effective nursing care and to be able to practice safely. Individuals who have a substance use disorder may have impaired judgment and motor skills and are at risk for harming their patients and/or the public. Licensees and certificate holders have access to many medications and drugs, and those with substance use disorders may misuse or steal drugs. Individuals affected by a substance use disorder may be unable to accurately assess patients, make appropriate judgments, or intervene in a timely and appropriate manner, thus putting their patients at risk. This danger is heightened when the licensee or certificate holder works in an autonomous setting where other healthcare providers are not present to intervene for the patient or the public. As such, crimes related to the use or possession of drugs or alcohol are highly relevant to an individual's fitness to practice.

(6) **Crimes involving violence and/or threatening behavior.** Licensees and certificate holders provide care to the most vulnerable populations, including patients who often have no voice of their own and cannot advocate for themselves. Further, patients are dependent on the caregiver-patient relationship for their daily care. When an individual has engaged in violent or threatening criminal behavior, the Board is mindful that patients may be at risk

for similar behavior in a healthcare setting. As such, crimes involving violence and threatening behavior are highly relevant to an individual's fitness to practice.

(c) All crimes listed in this subsection are as described in Titles 21, 47, and 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes. In addition, the Board recognizes and gives similar treatment to similar offenses charged in other jurisdictions. Felony convictions that disqualify an individual from retaining licensure or becoming licensed as a nurse, or retaining certification or becoming certified as an AUA in Oklahoma include:

(1) Crimes involving fraud, theft, lying and/or falsification.

- (A) Robbery 21 O.S. § 791 et seq.
- (B) False personating another to gain money or property 21 O.S. § 1532.
- (C) Identity theft 21 O.S. § 1533.1.

(2) Crimes involving sexual misconduct.

- (A) Human Trafficking 21 O.S. § 748.
- (B) Trafficking in children 21 O.S. § 866.
- (C) Incest 21 O.S. § 885.
- (D) Forcible sodomy 21 O.S. § 888.
- (E) Indecent exposure, indecent exhibitions, obscene material or child pornography, solicitation of minors 21 O.S. § 1021.
- (F) Procure, cause the participation of a minor in any child pornography, buys, or knowingly possesses, procures, manufactures, or causes to be sold or distributed child pornography 21 O.S. §§ 1021.2 and 1024.2.
- (G) Commercial sale or distribution of pornography 21 O.S. § 1040.13.
- (H) Soliciting/offering sex with minor 21 O.S. § 1040.13.
- (I) Offering or transporting one under 18 for sex 21 O.S. § 1087.
- (J) Child Prostitution - unlawful detainment in prostitution house 21 O.S. § 1088.
- (K) Lewd or indecent proposals to minor, sexual battery of minor 21 O.S. § 1123.
- (L) Knowingly engaging in acts likely to spread Human Immunodeficiency Virus 21 O.S. § 1192.1.

(3) Crimes involving drugs and/or alcohol.

- (A) Causing, aiding, abetting minors to commit controlled dangerous substance crimes 21 O.S. § 856.1.
- (B) Drug trafficking 63 O.S. § 2-415.

(4) Crimes involving threats, violence, and/or harm to another individual.

- (A) Assault, battery, or assault and battery with a dangerous weapon 21 O.S. § 645.
- (B) Aggravated assault and battery 21 O.S. § 646.
- (C) Aggravated assault and battery on a law officer 21 O.S. § 650.
- (D) Aggravated assault and battery on medical personnel with a firearm or other dangerous weapon 21 O.S. § 650.5.
- (E) Murder, first or second degree 21 O.S. §§ 701.7 and 701.8.
- (F) Manslaughter, first degree 21 O.S. § 711.
- (G) Kidnapping 21 O.S. § 741.
- (H) Extortionate kidnapping 21 O.S. § 745.
- (I) Malicious, intentional intimidation or harassment based on suspect classification 21 O.S. § 850.
- (J) Desertion-abandonment of a child under ten 21 O.S. § 851.
- (K) Child endangerment by permitting child abuse 21 O.S. § 852.1.
- (L) Rape first or second degree 21 O.S. §§ 1111 and 1114.

- (M) Peeping Tom - personally or electronically 21 O.S. § 117I.
- (N) Stalking 21 O.S. § 1173.
- (O) Endangering or injuring a person during arson or attempt 21 O.S. § 1405.
- (P) Failure to stop after fatal accident 47 O.S. § 10-102.1.
- (Q) Mingling poison, drugs, or sharp objects with food, drink 21 O.S. § 832.
- (5) Crimes involving harm to property.
 - (A) Violation of Oklahoma Antiterrorism Act 21 O.S. §§ 1268 et seq.
 - (B) Arson, first, second, or third-degree 21 O.S. §§ 1401, 1402 and 1403.
 - (C) Burglary, first degree 21 O.S. § 1431.
- (d) To obtain an Initial Determination of Eligibility, the required form shall be completed and filed with the Board. The fee for an Initial Determination of Eligibility shall be \$95.00 and shall be submitted with the required form.
- (e) The Executive Director is authorized to close a file requesting an initial determination of eligibility when the person seeking a determination of eligibility for licensure has failed to respond to a written request from the Board for information within sixty (60) days of the written request.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____
(Signature acknowledges receipt and understanding of Oklahoma Board of Nursing rule change regarding criminal offences and background checks).

Submit with application.



Langston University School of Nursing (LUSoN)
APPLICATION FOR FALL/SPRING ADMISSION

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE & SIGN THE APPLICATION

Date	I.D. # Jumber (Langston Students Only)		
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Maiden Name
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	Alternate Phone:	Email:
Current Address:			
Permanent Address:			
OK Resident? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO U.S. Citizen? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Other Citizenship: Location of high school education:		
TOEFL Score is required if secondary education was at a school outside of the United States:			
Person to notify in an emergency: (Please give a name, complete address, and phone number)			

List all colleges, universities or other schools attended including Langston University: (attach additional paper if needed)

Institution	City/State	Date Attended	Diploma/Degree
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Have you ever attended ANY school of nursing [] YES [] NO? If YES, please complete the information below: Failure to disclose the information will result in dismissal from LUSoN if accepted.

Institution	City/State	Date Attended	Reason Left
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		to	
		to	

1. Have you ever previously applied to the Langston University School of Nursing? [] Yes [] No

If so when? _____

2. Have you been previously admitted to an RN program? [] Yes. Identify school: _____ [] No.

3. Have you ever been admitted to a nursing program? [] Yes Identify school: _____ [] No

Have you ever been charged with a felony? If Yes, explain disposition of the case. (Note: An individual who has been convicted of a felony, has been declared judicially incompetent, or has had a drug problem, **may not** be permitted to take the Registered Nurse licensure exam.) Additional information can be found at the Oklahoma Board of Nursing website <https://nursing.ok.gov/>. (Attach additional paper if needed)

Applicant Name: (Print) _____ Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

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