

**TITLE 485. OKLAHOMA BOARD OF NURSING  
CHAPTER 10. LICENSURE OF PRACTICAL AND REGISTERED NURSES**

**SUBCHAPTER 5. MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR APPROVED NURSING  
EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

**485:10-5-4.1. Clinical learning experiences**

To ensure adequate clinical learning experiences, nursing education programs shall:

- (1) Provide an adequate amount and variety of clinical learning experience, planned by the faculty, to prepare students for practice at the appropriate educational level and to meet program outcomes.
- (2) Utilize clinical facilities providing a safe environment for students' learning experiences needed to meet the objectives of the rotation. Clinical facilities are acceptable to the Board for students' clinical learning and are approved by accreditation, evaluation or licensing bodies as appropriate.
- (3) Utilize written criteria for the selection of clinical facilities with evaluation of the quality of the learning experiences provided by the facility on a regular basis.
- (4) Develop, maintain, and annually review, mutually with cooperating agencies, written clinical agreements specifying respective responsibilities, including provisions for continuing use by currently enrolled students, and include provisions for termination of agreement.
- (5) Maintain a maximum ratio of faculty to students in clinical areas involving direct care of patients or clients defensible in light of safety, learning objectives, students' level, patient acuity and program outcomes.
- (6) Utilize consistently with Board policy, clinical preceptors for supervision of students in community health, leadership/ management, independent study, elective courses, home health and selected hospitals and long-term care facility experiences. Preceptors, when utilized, are academically qualified, oriented, mentored and monitored, and have clearly documented roles and responsibilities.
- (7) Provide evidence that clinical skills laboratory experiences, which may include simulated patient care experiences, are developed, implemented, and evaluated by the faculty to facilitate student preparation for clinical learning experiences.
- (8) Substitute, if desire to utilize Simulated Patient Care Experiences (SPCE), up to 30% SPCE for clinical hours for each clinical course for nursing education programs on full approval status with 300 total program clinical hours or up to 50% SPCE for clinical hours for each clinical course for nursing education programs on full approval status with 600 total program clinical hours, provided at least one individual within the nursing education program is simulation-certified. Programs not on full approval status must obtain Board approval to substitute SPCE for clinical course hours.