



# PRE-PROFESSIONAL HEALTH AND LAW SUPPORT SERVICES

Levels of Nurses	Education Requirements	Scope of Practice	Programs
Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)  <a href="#">BLS Video: Nursing Assistants</a>	75-hour vocational course (estimate).	Perform range of procedures to support RNs under their supervision; taking vital signs, dispensing prescribed medications, bathing patients, moving patients, etc.	6 types of Certified Nurse Aide Certifications: - Long Term Care Aide (LTC) - Home Health Aide (HH or HHA) - Developmentally Disabled Direct Care Aide (DDA or DDCA) - Residential Care Aide (RCA) - Adult Day Care Aide (ADC) - Certified Medication Aide (CMA) <a href="#">Oklahoma.gov: Nurse Aide</a> ✓ Select link above or search for “Nurse Aid” on website. ✓ Click “Approved Training Program”
Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) or Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN)  <a href="#">BLS Video: LPN/LVN</a>	One-year vocational course. Passing the NCLEX-PN is required for licensure of both LPNs and LVNs.	CNA duties, plus qualified to administer injections, prepare patients for surgical procedures, maintain patient medical records, change bandages, dressings, etc. Responsible for communicating patient’s needs to medical staff.	<a href="#">(ACEN) Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing</a> ✓ Select “Search Programs” and “Search Accredited Programs” ✓ Search by state and program type level, “Practical”  Additional Resources: <a href="#">Oklahoma Board of Nursing</a> ✓ Select “Education” ✓ Click “State-Approved Licensed Practical Nursing Programs”
Registered Nurse (RN) Two levels nationally.  <a href="#">BLS Video: Registered Nurse</a>	Associate Degree of Science in Nursing (ADN)  or  Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN).  Passing the NCLEX-RN exam is required for licensure of both RN levels.	In addition to duties of LPN/LVNs, qualified to make nursing diagnoses and supervise work of CNAs and LPN/LVNs.  Note: BSN-RN level curriculum includes a broad spectrum of scientific, critical-thinking, humanistic, communication, and leadership skills, including specific courses on community health nursing not typically included in associate-degree tracks.	Associate Degree of Science in Nursing (ADN): <a href="#">(ACEN) Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing</a> ✓ Select “Search Programs” and “Search Accredited Programs” ✓ Search by state and program type level, “Associate”  Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN): <a href="#">(CCNE) Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education</a> on American Association of Colleges of Nursing website or <a href="#">(AACN: Find a Nursing Program)</a> ✓ Search by state and programs offered for baccalaureate level nursing programs ✓ Entry-Level BSN, Accelerated BSN, RN-(to)-BSN and <a href="#">(ACEN) Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing:</a> ✓ Select “Search Programs” and “Search Accredited Programs” ✓ Search by state and program type level, “Baccalaureate”
Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP) include: - Nurse Practitioners - Nurse Anesthetists - Nurse Midwives - Clinical Nurse Specialists <a href="#">BLS Video: Nurse Practitioner</a>	Post-Graduate Level Education in Specialized Aspect of Nursing & RN Licensure.	Conduct physical exams, diagnose/treat common acute illnesses and injuries, provide immunizations, manage high blood pressure, diabetes, and other chronic problems. Order and interpret X-rays and other lab tests and consult with physicians and other health professionals when needed.	Master or Doctoral – Advanced Nursing Education <a href="#">Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)</a> on American Association of Colleges of Nursing website or <a href="#">(AACN: Find a Nursing Program)</a> - to search for master/doctoral level nursing programs. <b>and</b> <a href="#">(ACEN) Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing:</a> ✓ Select “Search Programs” and “Search Accredited Programs” ✓ Search by state & program type level, “Masters/Doctorate”