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Greetings, Whitney.

The University of Tulsa's School of Nursing offers a hybrid bachelor of nursing program—online courses with clinical experiences in the state of residence supervised by clinical facility preceptors—and we've received some applications from New Hampshire residents. We would love to bring more licensed RNs to your great state! On the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification: Division of Health Professions Part A form, it appears that The University of Tulsa must receive approval from the New Hampshire Office of Degree Authorization and it provides your contact information. Will you let me know what documentation or information you need from our institution to grant approval?

I also see that if there is a physical presence in NH, we must submit for an Administrative Review. I'm wondering if that will be necessary. Students will complete all courses, with the exception of clinical experiences, via online course delivery. There will be a skills bootcamp on our campus in Oklahoma in which our faculty will observe students performing fundamental clinical skills before placing them at a clinical facility. After the student has passed the bootcamp, then they would be placed in a clinical facility (or maybe more than one) for practicum courses. The clinical experiences will be conducted using a preceptor model, meaning that students will be paired with a qualified preceptor at the clinical facility in New Hampshire. The preceptor will be a New Hampshire resident who works at the clinical facility, possesses an active and unencumbered RN license in New Hampshire, and has completed a BSN program. While we have clinical coordinators who will work with the preceptors, the clinical coordinator works only in the state of Oklahoma. Given the details of this model, will the clinical experiences in NH still be construed as a "physical presence" even though no one from our institution will be physically conducting business in NH?

We are an NC-SARA participating institution. We are approved by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing and accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing. I've attached documentation as well as provided hyperlinks to additional, relevant information.

HLC Accreditation: <https://www.hlcommission.org/component/directory/?Itemid=&Action=ShowBasic&instid=1644>

Nomenclature about NC-SARA participation: <https://utulsa.edu/about/why-tu/assessment-initiatives/state-authorizations/#:~:text=The%20University%20of%20Tulsa%20is,with%2015%20states%2C%20including%20Oklahoma>

What else would you need from us to issue approval? Thank you in advance for any guidance you can provide.

Best,

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