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*By and For the People of Love County*

**Richard Barker,  
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## Meet Our Hospital Nursing Department

Of the two nursing credentials, RN and LPN, RNs have more academic and clinical education and their duties are broader in scope. Registered Nurses (RNs) and Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) are licensed by the State of Oklahoma and regulated for competency by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing (OBN). OBN statistics for 2016 show a total of 102 RNs and LPNs in Love County.

Here are profiles of three nurses serving in your hospital:



**Darla Lyons, RN**

Darla Lyons is the new charge nurse for the Adult Day Center. She joined the hospital in May with 20 years of ER, ICU, and dialysis nursing experience elsewhere.

"This hospital is such a blessing. You can feel there's a kinder environment here that truly lets us take care of patients the way we would want a nurse to take care of a relative of ours."

Lyons was raised in Comanche. In her spare time, she takes mission trips with Global Harvest to Haiti, Peru and the Amazon.



**Albert Bearden, CNA**

"I love my work," says Albert Bearden, a nurse's aide since 2006 in the hospital and ER. He has prior CNA experience in a veteran's hospital and a psychiatric center.

His career started in 1998 in a nursing home, where the first patient he encountered was his great aunt. "From that experience I've always remembered every patient I help is someone's son or daughter and should receive the best of care." He is an Emergency Medical Technologist and has additional education in Paramedic studies.



**Twyla Throneberry, RN**

In 25 years of nursing Twyla Throneberry has witnessed big changes brought on by computers and high tech medical equipment. But "the nurse of it," she said, remains the same. Giving hands-on patient care and doing the final check on medication administration requires a nurse's utmost attention. In her devoted career, she has worked in ER, ICU, behavioral health, drug and alcohol rehabilitation, and even spent several years as an on-call "travel nurse" around the country. She has served on the week-end night shift here since 2011.

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