



## Texas Board of Nursing

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Executive Director

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Kristine Ellen Palmer  
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Dear Kristine Ellen Palmer:

Your Temporary License/Endorsement Application and the supporting information related to your potential ineligibility for licensure under the Nursing Practice Act and the Board's Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice was considered by the Executive Director of the Board on October 7, 2014, pursuant to the Occupations Code §§301.257, 301.452, and 301.453. You have been found to be ineligible for licensure as a nurse in the State of Texas based upon the grounds discussed below.

Our records indicate the following:

- \* On or about October 10, 1997, you were issued an Agreed Order by the Kentucky Board of Nursing, granting you permission to sit for the nursing exam followed by eighteen (18) months probation. The disciplinary action was taken as a result of your criminal history. During the August 19 - 20, 1999, regular meeting it was determined that the restrictions should be removed from your license.
- \* On or about April 23, 2013, you were issued a Notice of Proposed Board Action, Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing, by the Montana Board of Nursing, suspending your nursing license pending further investigation of allegations. The investigation was opened after the Board received a complaint from one of your treating psychiatrists who questioned whether you were adhering to your monitoring requirements, and requested the Board investigate your current status regarding work safety and treatment.
- \* On or about October 23, 2013, you were issued a Stipulation and Final Order by the Montana Board of Nursing, accepting the surrender of your nursing license.

You are subject to denial of licensure for this conduct pursuant to the following subsections of the Occupations Code §301.452(b):

...(8) revocation, suspension, or denial of, or any other action relating to, the person's license to practice nursing in another jurisdiction; and

...(10) unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that, in the Board's opinion, is likely to deceive, defraud, or injure a patient or the public.

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I do hereby certify this to be a complete, accurate, and true copy of the document which is on file or is of record in the offices of the Texas Board of Nursing.  
Katherine A. Thomas  
Executive Director of the Board

Further, pursuant to §301.452(c), the Board may refuse to admit a person to a licensing examination for a ground described under §301.452(b).

Further, the Board has adopted rules, located at 22 Tex. Admin. Code §213.28, that set forth the considerations and criteria for determining the effect of criminal offenses on the eligibility of a person to obtain a license. The Board may refuse to approve persons to take the licensure examination, may refuse to issue or renew a license or certificate of registration, or may refuse to issue a temporary permit to any individual that has been convicted of or received a deferred disposition for a felony, a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, or engaged in conduct resulting in the revocation of probation. A review of your file indicates that you are ineligible for licensure based upon the factors set forth in §213.28.

The Board also requires petitioners to demonstrate their ability to consistently conform to the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, the Board's Rules and Regulations, and generally accepted standards of nursing practice; to possess good professional character; and to pose no threat to the health and safety of patients and the public. The Board has adopted a rule, located at 22 Tex. Admin. Code §213.27, that sets forth the factors and disciplinary and eligibility policies and guidelines that must be used in evaluating good professional character in eligibility and disciplinary matters. Based upon the factors specified in §213.27, you have failed to provide sufficient evidence of good professional character required by §213.27. Further, based upon your criminal history, the Board's Disciplinary Guidelines for Criminal Conduct require the denial of your licensure.

The Board's rules, 22 Tex. Admin. Code §213.27 - §213.33, the Board's Disciplinary Sanction Policies, including the Board's Disciplinary Guidelines for Criminal Conduct, and the Occupations Code Chapter 53, are hereby incorporated by reference herein and may be located on the Board's website at [www.bon.texas.gov](http://www.bon.texas.gov).

Due to this denial, you have the right to a public hearing before an Administrative Law Judge with the State Office of Administrative Hearings. Should you decide to appeal the decision to deny you licensure, please submit a written request for a public hearing, to the attention of Kathy Hoffman, Office of General Counsel, 333 Guadalupe, Suite 3-460, Austin, Texas, 78701. Your written request to appeal this decision must be received in our office within sixty (60) days of the date of this letter. Further, if this office receives information regarding additional criminal conduct or behavior that has not been previously disclosed to or discovered by this office, please be advised that evidence of such additional criminal conduct or behavior may be used against you during the public hearing in this matter to show that you lack the good professional character and other requirements for licensure.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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