BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of \$ AGREED ORDER
JULIO ESTRADA, \$ FOR
Vocational Nurse License Number 219492 and \$ DISCIPLINE & ELIGIBILITY
PETITIONER for Eligibility for Licensure \$

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of Vocational Nurse License Number 219492 and the Application by Examination, which has been processed as a Petition for Declaratory Order, hereinafter referred to as the Petition, pursuant to 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.2(b) and §213.30, and supporting documents filed by JULIO ESTRADA, hereinafter referred to as PETITIONER, requesting a determination of eligibility for licensure in compliance with Sections 301.252, 301.253, 301.257 and 301.258, Texas Occupations Code, together with any documents and information gathered by staff and Petitioner's Certification contained herein.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that PETITIONER may be subject to discipline and ineligible for licensure pursuant to Sections 301.452(b)(10)&(13) and 301.453, Texas Occupations Code.

PETITIONER waived notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on March 28, 2017.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On or about December 28, 2016, PETITIONER submitted the Petition requesting a determination of eligibility for licensure.
- 2. Petitioner received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Kaplan College, San Antonio, Texas, on August 31, 2006. Petitioner was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the

accurate, and true copy of the document which is on file or is of record in the offices of the Texas Board of Nursing.

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- State of Texas, on December 9, 2008. Petitioner received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Career Point College, San Antonio, Texas, on November 1, 2016.
- 3. On or about March 31, 2015, while employed as a Treatment Nurse with Town and Country Manor, Boerne, Texas, Respondent failed to review the medical record of Resident Number 2015014 for new treatment orders. Subsequently, Respondent failed to provide required wound care treatments to the aforementioned resident. In addition, Respondent omitted scheduled wound care and failed to adequately perform and document a comprehensive skin care assessment which would have alerted him to the resident's condition and the new orders.
- 4. On February 9, 2016, as a result of Findings of Fact Number Three (3), Petitioner was issued an Agreed Order by the Texas Board of Nursing, placing his vocational nursing license on probation for one (1) year. Petitioner has not completed any of the probation requirements as outlined in the Agreed Order. A copy of the February 9, 2016, Agreed Order is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.
- 5. Petitioner has sworn that, with the exception of matters disclosed in connection with the Petition, his past behavior conforms to the Board's professional character requirements at 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.27.
- 6. The Executive Director considered evidence of Petitioner's past behavior in light of the character factors set out in 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.27 and determined that Petitioner currently demonstrates the criteria required for good professional character.
- 7. The Executive Director's review of the grounds for potential ineligibility has been made on the basis of Petitioner's disclosures.
- 8. Petitioner has been advised by the Board that any information found to be incomplete, incorrect or misleading to the Board or a subsequent discovery of a basis of ineligibility will be considered by the Board and may result in an ultimate determination of ineligibility or the later revocation of a license obtained through fraud or deceit.
- 9. Petitioner shall immediately notify the Board of any fact or event that could constitute a ground of ineligibility for licensure under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Sections 301.452 and 301.453, Texas Occupations Code.
- 2. On or about December 28, 2016, PETITIONER submitted the Petition requesting a determination of eligibility for licensure in compliance with Sections 301.252, 301.253,

- 301.257 and 301.258, Texas Occupations Code, and the Board's Rules at 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.2(b) and §213.30.
- 3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violation(s) of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(D),(1)(M)&(2)(A) and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A), (1)(B),(1)(C)&(4).
- 4. Petitioner's history reflects conduct which may constitute grounds for discipline and denial of a license under Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code.
- 5. The Board may probate the denial of a license under conditions for a specified term pursuant to Section 301.453, Texas Occupations Code.
- 6. The Board may license an individual with prior behaviors inconsistent with the Board's character requirements if, upon evaluation of the factors in 22 Tex. ADMIN. Code §213.27, and pursuant to 22 Tex. ADMIN. Code §213.33, the Board is satisfied that the individual is able to consistently conform his conduct to the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, the Board's Rules and Regulations, and generally accepted standards of nursing practice.
- 7. This Order is conditioned upon the accuracy and completeness of Petitioner's disclosures. Any subsequently discovered discrepancies will result in investigation and possible disciplinary action, up to revocation of Petitioner's license(s).

TERMS OF ORDER

I. SANCTION AND ELIGIBILITY

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that PETITIONER SHALL receive the sanction of **WARNING WITH STIPULATIONS** in accordance with the terms of this Order, and upon meeting the requirements for graduation of an appropriate program in nursing education and payment of any required fees, PETITIONER is **ELIGIBLE** to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN® Examination).

A. PETITIONER SHALL NOT be eligible for temporary authorization to practice as a Graduate Nurse (GN) in the State of Texas.

B. Upon payment of any required fees and upon attaining a passing grade on the applicable National Council Licensure Examination, PETITIONER shall be issued the applicable license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

II. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW AND APPLICABILITY

While under the terms of this Order, PETITIONER agrees to comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code, §§301.001 *et seq.*, the Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§211.1 *et seq.*, and this Order.

- A. Until successfully completed, any and all licenses issued to Petitioner shall be subject to the terms of this Order.
- B. This Order SHALL be applicable to PETITIONER'S nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- C. As a result of this Order, PETITIONER'S license(s) will be designated "single state" and PETITIONER may not work outside the State of Texas in another nurse licensure compact party state without first obtaining the written permission of the Texas Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the nurse licensure compact party state where PETITIONER wishes to work.

III. REMEDIAL EDUCATION COURSE(S)

In addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may require for licensure renewal, Petitioner SHALL successfully complete the following remedial education course(s) within one (1) year of the effective date of this Order, unless otherwise specifically indicated:

A. A Board-approved course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics that shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course's content shall include the Nursing Practice Act, standards of practice, documentation of care, principles of nursing ethics, confidentiality, professional boundaries, and the Board's Disciplinary Sanction Policies regarding: Sexual Misconduct; Fraud, Theft and Deception; Nurses with Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Use Disorder; and Lying and Falsification. Courses focusing on malpractice issues will not be accepted. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved.

- **A** Board-approved course in nursing documentation that shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course's content shall include: nursing standards related to accurate and complete documentation; legal guidelines for recording; methods and processes of recording; methods of alternative record-keeping; and computerized documentation. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved.
- C. The course <u>"Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills,"</u> a 3.6 contact hour online program provided by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Learning Extension.

In order to receive credit for completion of this/these course(s), Petitioner SHALL CAUSE the instructor to submit a Verification of Course Completion form or SHALL submit the continuing education certificate, as applicable, to the attention of Monitoring at the Board's office. Petitioner SHALL first obtain Board approval of any course prior to enrollment if the course is <u>not</u> being offered by a pre-approved provider. Information about Board-approved courses and Verification of Course Completion forms are available from the Board at <u>www.bon.texas.gov/compliance</u>.

IV. MONETARY FINE

PETITIONER SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) within forty-five (45) days of entry of this Order. Payment is to be made directly to the Texas Board of Nursing in the form of cashier's check or U.S. money order. Partial payments will not be accepted.

V. EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS

In order to complete the terms of this Order, Petitioner must work as a nurse in the State of Texas, providing direct patient care in a clinical healthcare setting, for a minimum of sixty-four (64) hours per month for four (4) quarterly periods [one (1) year] of employment. This requirement will not be satisfied until four (4) quarterly periods of employment as a nurse have elapsed. Any quarterly period without continuous employment with the same employer for all three (3) months will not count towards completion of this requirement. Periods of unemployment or of employment that do not require the use of a registered nurse (RN) or a vocational nurse (LVN)

license, as appropriate, will not apply to this period <u>and will not count towards completion of this requirement.</u>

- A. Notifying Present and Future Employers: Petitioner SHALL notify each present employer in nursing, as applicable, and present each with a complete copy of this Order, including all attachments, if any, within five (5) days of receipt of this Order. While under the terms of this Order, Petitioner SHALL notify all future employers in nursing and present each with a complete copy of this Order, including all attachments, if any, prior to accepting an offer of employment.
- B. Notification of Employment Forms: Petitioner SHALL CAUSE each present employer in nursing, as applicable, to submit the Board's "Notification of Employment" form to the Board's office within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order. Petitioner SHALL CAUSE each future employer to submit the Board's "Notification of Employment form" to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a nurse.
- C. Indirect Supervision: Petitioner SHALL be supervised by a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Registered Nurse, or by a Licensed Vocational Nurse or a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse, who is on the premises. The supervising nurse is not required to be on the same unit or ward as Petitioner, but should be on the facility grounds and readily available to provide assistance and intervention if necessary. The supervising nurse shall have a minimum of two (2) years experience in the same or similar practice setting to which the Petitioner is currently working. Petitioner SHALL work only regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). Petitioner SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency. Petitioner SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.
- **D.** Nursing Performance Evaluations: Petitioner SHALL CAUSE each employer to submit, on forms provided to the Petitioner by the Board, periodic reports as to Petitioner's capability to practice nursing. These reports shall be completed by the individual who supervises the Petitioner and these reports shall be submitted by the supervising individual to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) month quarterly period for four (4) quarters [one (1) year] of employment as a nurse.

VI. RESTORATION OF UNENCUMBERED LICENSE(S)

Upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, all encumbrances will be removed from PETITIONER'S license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas and PETITIONER may be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

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PETITIONER'S CERTIFICATION

I am the Petitioner in this matter. I have fully and truthfully disclosed all of my past conduct which could constitute grounds for licensure ineligibility, and I have caused a complete and accurate criminal history to be submitted to the Texas Board of Nursing from each jurisdiction in which I have been adjudged guilty by way of conviction or deferred order. I certify that my past behavior, except as disclosed in my application/petition, has been in conformity with the Board's character rule. I have provided the Board with complete and accurate documentation of my past conduct in violation of the penal law of any jurisdiction which was disposed of through any procedure short of conviction, such as: conditional discharge, deferred adjudication or dismissal. I have no criminal prosecution pending in any jurisdiction.

In connection with my application, I acknowledge that I have read and I understand Sections 301.157(d), 301.252, 301.253, 301.257, 301.258, 301.260, 301.452, and 301.453, Texas Occupations Code, and Chapter 53, Section 53.001 *et seq.*, Texas Occupations Code, and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§213.27, 213.28, 213.29, and 213.30. I agree with all terms of this Order, including the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and any stipulations as set out in this Order. I acknowledge that this Order is stipulated and I understand that I am not eligible to receive a Temporary Permit to practice nursing. I agree to inform the Board of any other fact or event that could constitute a ground for denial of licensure prior to accepting any license from the Texas Board of Nursing.

I understand that if I fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this Order, I will be subject to investigation and disciplinary sanction, including REVOCATION of my license(s) and nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

I understand that I can be represented by an attorney in this matter. I waive representation by counsel, notice, administrative hearing, and judicial review of this Order and request that the Texas Board of Nursing ratify this Order.

WHEREFORE PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby accept and enter the Agreed Order for Discipline and Eligibility that was signed on the <u>8th</u> day of <u>June</u>, <u>2017</u>, by JULIO ESTRADA, Vocational Nurse License Number 219492 and PETITIONER for Eligibility for Licensure, and said Order is final.

Effective this 20th day of July , 2017.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board





In the Matter of § AGREED

Vocational Nurse License Number 219492 §
issued to JULIO ESTRADA § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of JULIO ESTRADA, Vocational Nurse License Number 219492, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may be subject to discipline pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived notice and hearing and agreed to the entry of this Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on October 14, 2015.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Prior to the institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these Findings of Fact was served on Respondent and Respondent was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license(s).
- 2. Respondent waived notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
- 3. Respondent's license to practice as a vocational nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Kaplan College, San Antonio, Texas on August 31, 2006. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on December 9, 2008.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

12/2008 - 3/2009

Unknown

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Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

1/2009 - 3/2010	Staff Nurse	Morningside Ministries Boerne, Texas
4/2010 - 3/2012	Not employed in nursing	
12/2011 - 3/2012	Staff Nurse	Princeton Place San Antonio, Texas
3/2012 - Present	Staff Nurse	Morningside Ministries Boerne, Texas
4/2012 - 6/2014	Unknown	
9/2014 - 4/2015	Treatment Nurse	Town and Country Manor Boerne, Texas

- 6. At the time of the incident, Respondent was employed as a Staff Nurse with Town and Country Manor, Boerne, Texas, and had been in that position for six (6) months.
- 7. On or about March 31, 2015, while employed as a Treatment Nurse with Town and Country Manor, Boerne, Texas, Respondent failed to review the medical record of Resident Number 2015014 for new treatment orders. Subsequently, Respondent failed to provide required wound care treatments to the aforementioned resident. In addition, Respondent omitted scheduled wound care and failed to adequately perform and document a comprehensive skin care assessment which would have alerted him to the resident's condition and the new orders. Respondent's conduct resulted in incomplete medical records and placed the resident at risk of complications from untreated wounds, including pain and infection.
- 8. In response to the incidents in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states that part of the treatment nurse job description is to do head to toe assessments on the total census of approximately 100 105 residents divided Monday through Friday. Respondent states he went to the resident's room for the assessment due and that at that time the dressing was clean, dry and intact and the resident had no signs of pain or infection. Additionally, Respondent states that verbal and written orders by the Nurse Practitioner were to change the dressings only when soiled or dislodged.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 2. Notice was served in accordance with law.
- 3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violation(s) of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE \$217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(D),(1)(M)&(2)(A) and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE \$217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C)&(4).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 219492, heretofore issued to JULIO ESTRADA.
- 5. Pursuant to Section 301.463(d), Texas Occupations Code, this Agreed Order is a settlement agreement under Rule 408, Texas Rules of Evidence, in civil or criminal litigation.

TERMS OF ORDER

I. SANCTION AND APPLICABILITY

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of WARNING WITH STIPULATIONS in accordance with the terms of this Order.

- A. This Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to Respondent to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- B. This Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- C. Respondent may not work outside the State of Texas in another nurse licensure compact party state without first obtaining the written permission of the Texas Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the nurse licensure compact party state where Respondent wishes to work.

II. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW

While under the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT agrees to comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code, §§301.001 et seq., the Rules and

Regulations Relating to Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§211.1 et seq., and this Order.

III. REMEDIAL EDUCATION COURSE(S)

In addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may require for licensure renewal, RESPONDENT SHALL successfully complete the following remedial education course(s) within one (1) year of the effective date of this Order, unless otherwise specifically indicated:

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IV. EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS

In order to complete the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT must work as a nurse in the State of Texas, providing direct patient care in a licensed healthcare setting, for a minimum of sixty-four (64) hours per month for four (4) quarterly periods [one (1) year] of employment. This requirement will not be satisfied until four (4) quarterly periods of employment as a nurse have elapsed. Any quarterly period without continuous employment with the same employer for all three (3) months will not count towards completion of this requirement. Periods of unemployment or of employment that do not require the use of a registered nurse (RN) or a vocational nurse (LVN) license, as appropriate, will not apply to this period and will not count towards completion of this requirement.

- A. Notifying Present and Future Employers: RESPONDENT SHALL notify each present employer in nursing and present each with a complete copy of this Order, including all attachments, if any, within five (5) days of receipt of this Order. While under the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL notify all future employers in nursing and present each with a complete copy of this Order, including all attachments, if any, prior to accepting an offer of employment.
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- C. Indirect Supervision: RESPONDENT SHALL be supervised by a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Registered Nurse, or by a Licensed Vocational Nurse or a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse, who is on the premises. The supervising nurse is not required to be on the same unit or ward as RESPONDENT, but should be on the facility grounds and readily available to provide assistance and intervention if necessary. The supervising nurse shall have a minimum of two (2) years experience in the same or similar practice setting to which the Respondent is currently working. RESPONDENT SHALL work only regularly assigned,

identified and predetermined unit(s). RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.

D. Nursing Performance Evaluations: RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each employer to submit, on forms provided to the Respondent by the Board, periodic reports as to RESPONDENT'S capability to practice nursing. These reports shall be completed by the nurse who supervises the RESPONDENT and these reports shall be submitted by the supervising nurse to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) month quarterly period for four (4) quarters [one (1) year] of employment as a nurse.

V. RESTORATION OF UNENCUMBERED LICENSE(S)

Upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, all encumbrances will be removed from RESPONDENT'S license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas and RESPONDENT may be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

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RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. I waive representation by counsel. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violation(s) alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the entry of this Order, and any conditions of said Order, to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that when this Order becomes final and the terms of this Order become effective, a copy will be mailed to me. I understand that if I fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this Order, I will be subject to investigation and disciplinary sanction, including possible revocation of my license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 6 day of brung

JULIO ESTRADA, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

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TONI MARIE SPRAGGINS MY COMMISSION EXPIRES April 21, 2017 WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 6th day of January, 2016, by JULIO ESTRADA, Vocational Nurse License Number 219492, and said Order is final.

Effective this 9th day of February, 2016.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board