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Michelle O'Hanrahan
Executive Director of the Board

**In the Matter of
Permanent Vocational Nurse
License Number 315658
Issued to SARAH DENISE PATTERSON,
Respondent**

**§ BEFORE THE TEXAS
§ BOARD OF NURSING
§ ELIGIBILITY AND
§ DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE**

ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO: Sarah Patterson
5609 John Stockbauer Dr
Apt 23202
Victoria, TX 77904

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on February 11, 2020, the Texas Board of Nursing Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter "Committee") heard the above-styled case, based on the failure of the Respondent to appear as required by 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that notice of the facts or conduct alleged to warrant disciplinary action has been provided to Respondent in accordance with Texas Government Code § 2001.054(c) and Respondent has been given an opportunity to show compliance with all the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301 of the Texas Occupations Code, for retention of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

The Committee finds that the Formal Charges were properly initiated and filed in accordance with section 301.458, Texas Occupations Code.

The Committee finds that after proper and timely Notice regarding the violations alleged in the Formal Charges was given to Respondent in this matter, Respondent has failed to appear in accordance with 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that the Board is authorized to enter a default order pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2001.056.

The Committee, after review and due consideration, adopts the proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law as stated in the Formal Charges which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference for all purposes and the Staff's recommended sanction of revocation by default. This Order will be properly served on all parties and all parties will be given an opportunity to file a motion for rehearing [22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 213.16(j)]. All parties have a right to judicial review of this Order.

All proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law filed by any party not specifically adopted herein are hereby denied.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Permanent Vocational Nurse License Number 315658, previously issued to SARAH DENISE PATTERSON to practice nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is/are hereby, REVOKED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

Entered this 11th day of February, 2020

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

BY:  _____

KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

Attachment: Formal Charges filed December 4, 2019

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Re: Permanent Vocational Nurse License Number 315658
Issued to SARAH DENISE PATTERSON
DEFAULT ORDER - REVOKE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 12 day of February, 2020, a true and correct copy of the foregoing DEFAULT ORDER was served and addressed to the following person(s), as follows:

Via USPS Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested.

Copy Via USPS First Class Mail

Sarah Patterson
5609 John Stockbauer Dr
Apt 23202
Victoria, TX 77904

BY: _____



KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

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BEFORE THE TEXAS
BOARD OF NURSING

FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, SARAH DENISE PATTERSON, is a Vocational Nurse holding license number 315658 which is in delinquent status at the time of this pleading.

Written notice of the facts and conduct alleged to warrant adverse licensure action was sent to Respondent at Respondent's address of record and Respondent was given opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license prior to commencement of this proceeding.

CHARGE I.

On or about July 10, 2018, Respondent failed to comply with the Agreed Order issued to her on July 10, 2017, by the Texas Board of Nursing. Non-compliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with Stipulation Number Four (IV), Subsections (A),(B),(C)&(D) of the order which reads, in pertinent part:

RESPONDENT SAHLL 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.
- B. A Board-approved course in medication administration with a didactic portion of not less than six (6) hours and a clinical component of not less than twenty-four (24) hours.
- C. A Board-approved course in nursing documentation that shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length.
- D. The course "Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills," a 3.6 contact hour online program provided by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Learning Extension.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(1)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, 22 Texas Administrative Code §217.12(11)(B).

CHARGE II.

On or about October 28, 2019, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to and was convicted of DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED WITH CHILD PASSENGER, a State Jail Felony offense, committed on March 31, 2018, in the 453rd District Court, Hays County, Texas, under Cause No. CR-18-1108-E. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Correctional Institutions Division for a period of two (2) years; however, imposition of confinement was suspended and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of five (5) years, and ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(3), Texas Occupations Code.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that staff will present evidence in support of the recommended disposition of up to, and including, revocation of Respondent's license(s) and/or privilege(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas pursuant to the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301, Texas Occupations Code and the Board's rules, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 213.27 - 213.33 and TEX. OCC. CODE Ch. 53.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that all statutes and rules cited in these Charges are incorporated as part of this pleading and can be found at the Board's website, www.bon.texas.gov.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on adopted Disciplinary Guidelines for Criminal Conduct, and on adopted policies related to Substance Use Disorders and Other Alcohol and Drug Related Conduct, which can be found under the "Discipline & Complaints; Board Policies & Guidelines" section of the Board's website, www.bon.texas.gov.

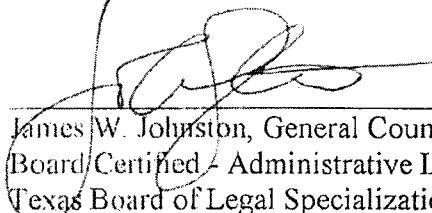
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NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on the Disciplinary Matrix, located at 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.33(b), which can be found under the "Discipline & Complaints; Board Policies & Guidelines" section of the Board's website, www.bon.texas.gov.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that Respondent's past disciplinary history, as set out below and described in the Order(s) which is/are attached and incorporated by reference as part of these charges, will be offered in support of the disposition recommended by staff: Order(s) of the Board dated July 10, 2017.

Filed this 4 day of December, 2019.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING


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Attachment(s): Order(s) of the Board dated July 10, 2017.

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Katherine A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of § AGREED
Vocational Nurse License Number 315658 §
issued to SARAH DENISE PATTERSON § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of SARAH DENISE PATTERSON, Vocational Nurse License Number 315658, 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 July 6, 2017.

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 Victoria College, Victoria, Texas, on August 2, 2013. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on September 5, 2013.
5. Respondent's vocational nursing employment history includes:
09/13 - 11/13 Unknown

Respondent's vocational nursing employment history continued:

12/13 - 05/15	LVN	Warm Springs Rehabilitation Hospital Victoria, Texas
Present	LVN Charge	Victoria Rehabilitation Victoria, Texas

6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Warm Springs Rehabilitation Hospital, Victoria, Texas, and had been in that position for three (3) months.
7. On or about April 21, 2015, through April 26, 2015, while employed with Warm Springs Rehabilitation Hospital of Victoria, Victoria, Texas, Respondent failed to administer, or document the administration of, scheduled medications, feedings, and saline flushes to Patient Numbers 5400751, 5400743, 5400725, 5400723, 5400754, and 5400747, as ordered by the physician. Respondent's conduct created an inaccurate medical record future providers would rely on, and it may have injured the patients in that failing to administer medications and treatments, as ordered, which could result in non-efficacious treatment.
8. On or about April 24, 2015, and April 25, 2015, while employed with Warm Springs Rehabilitation Hospital of Victoria, Victoria, Texas, Respondent failed to perform, or failed to document performing, blood sugar checks for Patient Numbers 5400731 and 5400751, as ordered by the physician. Respondent's conduct created an inaccurate medical record future providers would rely on, and it may have unnecessarily exposed the patients to risk of harm from undetected critical glucose levels.
9. In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Seven (7) and Eight (8), Respondent states that the med room had a dispensing system that required sign in with a fingerprint and then the screen was "tapped" for medicines to be pulled and did not consistently record the dispensing of medicine and the same person who pulled a medication was not always the person who administered it. Respondent further states that patient 540051 was not even admitted until 4/23 and another nurse is documented as administering medications to that patient in addition to Respondent. Respondent also states that with regard to the blood sugar checks, accuchecks were done by the CNAs who would report the results and the nurse would administer insulin based on the sliding scale. The actual blood sugar results are on a separate form which was not provided by the facility to the BON. Moreover, there are no records for patient 5400741.
10. Formal Charges were filed on November 19, 2015.
11. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on November 20, 2015.

12. Respondent provided the Board with a recent favorable performance evaluation from her current employer.

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),(B)&(C) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(B)&(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 315658, heretofore issued to SARAH DENISE PATTERSON.
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 **REMEDIAL EDUCATION** 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. UNDERSTANDING BOARD ORDERS

Within thirty (30) days of entry of this Order, RESPONDENT must successfully complete the Board's online course, "Understanding Board Orders," which can be accessed on the Board's website from the "Discipline & Complaints" drop-down menu or directly at: <http://www.bon.texas.gov/UnderstandingBoardOrders/index.asp>. Upon successful completion, RESPONDENT must submit the course verification at the conclusion of the course, which automatically transmits the verification to the Board.

IV. 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:

- 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.

- B. A Board-approved course in medication administration with a didactic portion of not less than six (6) hours and a clinical component of not less than twenty-four (24) hours. Both the didactic and clinical components must be provided by the same Registered Nurse. The course's content shall include: a review of proper administration procedures for all standard routes; computation of drug dosages; the six (6) rights of medication administration; factors influencing the choice of route; and possible adverse effects resulting from improper administration. The clinical component SHALL focus on tasks of medication administration only. The course description shall indicate goals and objectives for the course, resources to be utilized, and the methods to be used to determine successful completion of the course. Successful completion of this course requires RESPONDENT to successfully complete both the didactic and clinical portions of the course.
- C. 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.
- D. The course "Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills," a 3.6 contact hour online program provided by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Learning Extension.

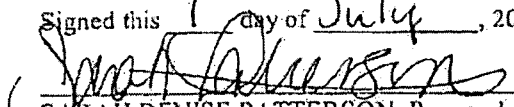
In order to receive credit for completion of this/these course(s), RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the instructor to submit a Verification of Course Completion form or SHALL submit the continuing education certificate, as applicable, to the attention of Monitoring at the Board's office. RESPONDENT SHALL first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

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.

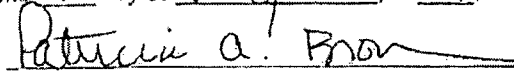
RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. 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.

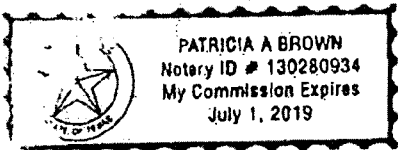
Signed this 7 day of July, 2017.

SARAH DENISE PATTERSON, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of July, 2017.

SEAL



Notary Public in and for the State of Texas



Approved as to form and substance.

Elizabeth L. Higginbotham, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this ____ day of _____, 20__.

RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. 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 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, 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 this Order is subject to ratification by the Board. When this Order is ratified, the terms of this Order become effective, and 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 revocation of my license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20____.

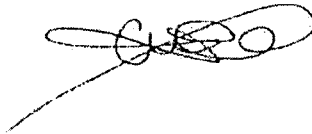
SARAH PATTERSON LVN RESPONDENT

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

SEAL

Notary Public in and for the State of _____


Approved as to form this 7th day of July 2017



Elizabeth L. Higginbotham RN,J.D.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 7th day of July, 20 17, by SARAH DENISE PATTERSON, Vocational Nurse License Number 315658, and said Order is final.

Effective this 10th day of July, 20 17.



Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN
Executive Director on behalf
of said Board