

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of	§	AGREED ORDER
Registered Nurse License Number 1020121	§	
issued to ACHA CLIFFORD TEKE	§	
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On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of ACHA CLIFFORD TEKE, Registered Nurse License Number 1020121, 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)(2),(8)&(10), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived notice and hearing and agreed to the entry of this Agreed Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on March 26, 2021.

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 Agreed Order.
3. Respondent's license to practice as a professional nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
4. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Hosanna College of Health, Miramar, Florida, on December 15, 2017. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on November 19, 2020.
5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

10/2020 – Present	RN	Caring People Inc. Dallas, Texas
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6. On or about August 31, 2020, Respondent submitted an electronic NCLEX RESTEST Application for U.S. Graduates to the Texas Board of Nursing in which Respondent provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information when he answered "No" to the question: "Have you ever had any disciplinary action on a nursing license or a privilege to practice in any state, country, or province?" Respondent failed to disclose the following:
 - A. That, on or about December 16, 2015, Respondent's Application for Licensure by Exam was denied by the North Carolina Board of Nursing. A copy of the December 16, 2015, denial of application letter is attached and incorporated by reference as part of this Order; and
 - B. That, on or about September 24, 2019, Respondent's License Application for Licensure by Examination (RN) was denied by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing. A copy of the September 24, 2019, denial letter is attached and incorporated by reference as part of this Order.
7. In response to Finding of Fact Number Six (6), Respondent stated that he did apply for the North Carolina LVN Exam, but never took this exam, as he found out that the LVN School he attended, Med-Life Institute, was not accredited in North Carolina. Also, Respondent did apply for the Oklahoma RN Exam. On or about May 16, 2019, after many months of no response from Oklahoma, he initiated the process to apply to take the Texas NCLEX. Prior to applying to sit for the Texas Exam, on or about, September 30, 2019, Respondent spoke with someone from the Texas Board of Nursing office, to obtain clarification about the Texas question, to which he responded "no" to. Respondent's understanding of the response was that, due to the fact he had never been licensed, or had the privilege to practice anywhere, he could answer 'no' to that question. Respondent then applied to sit for the Texas exam on or about October 3, 2019. Respondent did not hear back from Oklahoma until after he had applied to Texas. There was never any attempt on his part, to be untruthful, or misrepresent himself to the Texas Board of Nursing. Respondent understands that English is not his first language and that might have led to the misunderstanding of the question.

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 §217.12 (6)(I).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(2),(8)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 1020121, heretofore issued to ACHA CLIFFORD TEKE.

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 FINE** 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. As a result of this Order, RESPONDENT'S license(s) will be designated "single state" as applicable and RESPONDENT may not work outside the State of Texas in another nurse licensure compact party state using a Texas compact license.

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 Nursing Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§211.1 *et seq.*, and this Agreed 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. MONETARY FINE

RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) within forty-five (45) days of the effective date 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. RESTORATION OF UNENCUMBERED LICENSE(S)

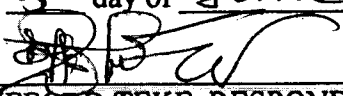
Upon full compliance with the terms of this Agreed Order, all encumbrances will be removed from RESPONDENT'S license(s) and/or privilege(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas and, subject to meeting all existing eligibility requirements in Texas Occupations Code Chapter 304, Article III, RESPONDENT may be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

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RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

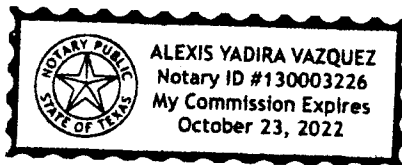
I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Order. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violation(s) alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the entry of this Order, and any conditions of said Order, to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that this Order is subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing and a copy of this Order will be mailed to me once the Order becomes effective. 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) and/or privileges to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

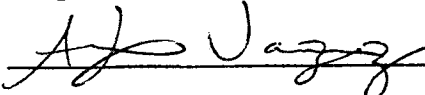
Signed this 3rd day of June, 2021


ACHA CLIFFORD TEKE, RESPONDENT

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3rd day of June, 2021.

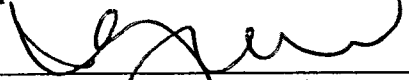
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Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

Approved as to form and substance.



Victoria Warner, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 3rd day of June, 2021.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 3rd day of June, 2021, by ACHA CLIFFORD TEKE, Registered Nurse License Number 1020121, and said Agreed Order is final.

Effective this 22nd day of July, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katherine A. Thomas".

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

Martha Ann Hartell, Public Member
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Vice-Chair
Julia L. George, RN, MSN, FRE
Executive Director
December 16, 2015



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Acha Clifford Teke
1500 Somerset Vale Court
Lawrenceville, GA 30044

Dear Mr. Teke:

Denial of Application

On April 8, 2015, you submitted an Application for Licensure by Exam. On the application you indicated you completed the Med Life Institute, West Palm Beach, Florida School of Nursing Program on October 31, 2014. Upon verification of your completion of the Med Life program, it was confirmed as "unknown". This classification further defined by the Med Life Program:

"An individual is designated as unknown when there are no admission, academic nor financial records on file in the offices of Registrar and Bursar located at 2695 N. Military Trail, Ste. 17, West Palm Beach, FL 33409."

The purpose of licensure is to assure that all those entering the profession meet the minimum qualifications for licensure. Based on the information obtained while conducting due diligence related to your application, the Board has **DENIED** your application for licensure by exam. This letter is public record, as required by N.C. General Statute § 132. All denials and disciplinary actions taken by the Board will be reported to the appropriate entities as outlined in Board policy, and as required by state and/or federal guidelines. Those entities include, but may not be limited to: NURSIS (National database of licensed nurses – National Council of State Boards of Nursing), National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB), the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) and any other state/jurisdiction.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julia L. George".

Julia L. George, RN, MSN, FRE
Executive Director

Med-Life Institute

2695 N. Military trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33409

Phone: (561) 687-5199 Fax: (561) 687-5893

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT

Student Name: ACHA CLIFFORD TEKE

I.D#: 2884

Address: 1500 SOMERSER VALE CT., LAWRENCEVILLE, GA 30044

Program/Course name: Practical Nursing D.O.B. 01/01/1963

Telephone: (972)896-3120 Date attended/course: 10/2013 - 10-2014

Campus (City & State) WEST PALM BEACH, FL

Credit/Transfer: N/A Withdrawal/Termination date: N/A Completion Date: 10/31/2014

THEORY

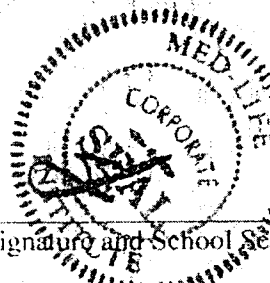
Course & Title	Hours	Grade	Course & Title	Hours	Grade %
Vocational Adjustment (T)	60	82	Medical/Surgical Nursing	96	85
Principles of Nutrition (T)	18	96	Maternal/Newborn Nursing	48	80
Fundamentals of nursing (T)	96	88	Pediatric Nursing	48	90
Body Structure and Functions (T)	96	80	Mental Health Nursing	24	85
Pharmacology (T)	48	92	Human Growth & Development (T)	24	90
Geriatric Nursing (T)	24	96	LEFT BLANK ON PURPOSE	N/A	N/A

CLINICAL/LAB

Course & Title	Hours	Grades	Course & Title	Hours	Grade (P/F)
Vocational Adjustment (T)	12	P	Medical/Surgical Nursing	264	P
Principles of Nutrition (T)	6	P	Maternal/Newborn Nursing	72	P
Fundamentals of nursing (T)	144	P	Pediatric Nursing	72	P
Body Structure and Functions (T)	6	P	Mental Health Nursing	48	P
Pharmacology (T)	48	P	LEFT BLANK ON PURPOSE	N/A	N/A
Geriatric Nursing (T)	96	P	LEFT BLANK ON PURPOSE	N/A	N/A

KEY:

A: 90 - 100 Excellent
B: 80 - 89 Good
C: 75 - 79 Satisfactory
D: Less than 75 Unsatisfactory



Official Signature and School Seal

Date



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Acha Teke
9405 Terence Drive
Rowlett, Texas 75089

Mr. Teke:

~~The Licensee Application for Licensure by Examination (RN) to practice registered nursing~~
(Application) submitted by you, Acha Clifford Teke (hereinafter Respondent), to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing (Board) was denied on September 24, 2019. The Board has the following information regarding your request to practice as a registered nurse in Oklahoma:

On or about December 16, 2015 the North Carolina Board of Nursing ("North Carolina BON") issued a Denial of Application that included the following:

On April 8, 2015 you submitted an Application for Licensure by Exam. On the application you indicated you completed the Med Life Institute, West Palm Beach, Florida School of Nursing Program on October 31, 2014. Upon verification of your completion of the Med Life program, it was confirmed as "unknown". This classification further defined by the Med Life Program:

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The purpose of licensure is to assure that all those entering the profession meet the minimum qualifications for licensure. Based on the information obtained while conducting due diligence related to your application, the North Carolina BON **DENIED** your application for licensure by exam.

On or about May 16, 2019 the Respondent submitted to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing a completed Licensee Application for Licensure by Examination (RN) to practice registered nursing. The Respondent falsified the Application by answering "No" to the following question:

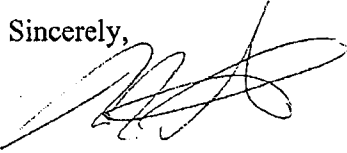
Have you ever had disciplinary action taken against a nursing license, certificate, or recognition; any professional or occupational license, recognition, or certificate; and/or any application for a nursing or professional or occupational license, recognition, or certificate in any state, territory or country.

The Respondent failed to disclose the North Carolina BON Denial of Application as described above.

You may seek further review of the denial of your Application before the Oklahoma Board of Nursing by submitting a written request for a hearing to the Board. The written request must be received in the Board office within ten (10) days from the receipt of this letter sent by certified mail. Failure to request a hearing, if one is desired, will constitute a waiver of any right to such hearing.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (405) 962-1824.

Sincerely,



Mark Stroud, R.N., B.S.N., M.B.A.
Nurse Investigator

10-15-19
Date

MS:jc