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Katherine A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of § AGREED ORDER
Registered Nurse License Number 538078 §
& Vocational Nurse License Number 93148 §
issued to JODELL RUTH COOK §
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On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of JODELL RUTH COOK, Registered Nurse License Number 538078, and Vocational Nurse License Number 93148, 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)(1)&(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 September 8, 2022.

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 vocational nurse in the State of Texas is in inactive status. Respondent's license to practice as a professional nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Harris School of Vocational Nursing, Ft Worth, Texas, on August 23, 1981. Respondent received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from Texas Christian-Harris Coll, Fort Worth, Texas, on August 1, 1984. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on December 11, 1981. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on March 23, 1987.

5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

12/1981 - 7/1984	Unknown	
8/1984 - 9/1984	Staff Nurse	Research Hospital Kansas City, Missouri
10/1984 - 12/1985	Staff Nurse	Kansas University Medical Center Kansas City, Kansas
12/1985 - 3/1986	Staff Nurse	North Kansas City Hospital Kansas City, Missouri
3/1986 - 5/1986	Staff Nurse	Kansas City Children's Mercy Hospital, Kansas City, Missouri
5/1986 - 12/1986	Agency Nurse	American Nurses Resource Kansas City, Missouri
1/1987 - 3/1987	Unemployed	
4/1987 - 10/1987	Staff Nurse	Odessa Medical Center Odessa, Texas
10/1987 - 5/1989	Staff Nurse	Doctor's Regional Hospital Poplar Bluff, Missouri
2/1989 - 5/1989	Staff Nurse	Lucy Lee Hospital Poplar bluff, Missouri
6/1989 - 9/1989	Staff Nurse	Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth, Texas
9/1989 - 9/1990	Staff Nurse	Doctor's Regional Hospital Poplar Bluff, Missouri
10/1989 - 6/1990	Director of Nursing	Beverly Nursing Center Dexter, Missouri
9/1990 - 1/1991	Staff Nurse	Delta Regional Hospital Sikeston, Missouri

1/1991 - 5/1992	Staff Nurse	Dexter Community Hospital Dexter, Missouri
5/1992 - 2/1993	Staff Nurse	All Saint's Hospital Fort Worth, Texas
3/1993 - 4/1993	Unemployed	
5/1993 - 10/1993	Staff Nurse	Abilene Regional Hospital Abilene, Texas
11/1993 - 5/1994	Unemployed	
6/1994 - 4/1995	Branch Manager	Outreach Home Health Sweetwater, Texas
5/1995	Unemployed	
6/1995 - 1/1996	Home Health Nurse	Concepts of Care Abilene, Texas
1/1996 - 2/1996	Staff Nurse	JPS Hospital Fort Worth, Texas
2/1996 - 6/1996	Home Health Nurse	Home Health of Tarrant County Fort Worth, Texas
6/1996 - 7/1998	Nursing Supervisor	Concepts of Care Arlington, Texas
7/1998 - 9/1998	Home Health Nurse	Horizon Home Health Arlington, Texas
9/1998 - 3/1999	Staff Nurse	Arlington Memorial Hospital Arlington, Texas
3/1999 - 10/1999	Staff Nurse	Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth, Texas
11/1999 - 12/1999	Unemployed	

1/2000 - 2003	Nursing Manager/Case Supervisor	Concepts of Care Arlington, Texas
2003 - 2004	Staff Nurse	Apex Home Health Fort Worth, Texas
2004 - 2005	Staff Nurse	All Saints Baylor Hospital Fort Worth, Texas
2006	Staff Nurse	Medical Plaza Hospital Fort Worth, Texas
2007	Unknown	
2008 - 2009	Staff Nurse	Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation, Bedford, Texas
2009	Staff Nurse	Southwestern Nursing and Rehabilitation
2009	Staff Nurse	Keller Oaks Nursing Center Fort Worth
2009 - 1/2020	Unknown	
1/2020 - Unknown		Not employed in nursing
Unknown – Present	RN Field Nurse	AmCare Pro Home Health Tyler, Texas

6. On or about October 11, 2001, Respondent was issued the sanction of Warning with Stipulations through an Order of the Board. A copy of the October 11, 2001, Order is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Agreed Order.
7. On or about June 21, 2007, Respondent was required to successfully complete the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN) through an Order of the Board. A copy of the June 21, 2007, Order is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Agreed Order.

8. On or about February 8, 2010, the Board accepted the Voluntary Surrender of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas through an Order of the Board. A copy of the February 8, 2010, Order is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Agreed Order.
9. On or about August 6, 2013, Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas were Reinstated and Respondent was prohibited from providing patient care through an Order of the Board. A copy of the August 6, 2013, Order is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Agreed Order.
10. On or about September 14, 2021, Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas were Reinstated through an Order of the Board. A copy of the September 14, 2021, Order is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Agreed Order.
11. At the time of the incident, Respondent was not employed in nursing.
12. On or about February 2, 2022, Respondent became non-compliant with the Agreed Order issued to her by the Texas Board of Nursing on September 14, 2021. Non-compliance is the result of her failure to successfully complete the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN). Section III, Part D of the Agreed Order, dated September 14, 2021, states:

D. PETITIONER SHALL comply with all requirements of the TPAPN participation agreement during its term and SHALL keep all applicable license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas in current status.

On or about December 3, 2021, Respondent underwent an evaluation and was deemed unsafe to practice within the full scope of nursing practice. The evaluator suggested Respondent should pursue a Minimum Data Set nursing position or other positions that do not require direct patient care. On or about February 2, 2022, Respondent was dismissed from the TPAPN and referred to the Board.

13. On or about August 10, 2022 to August 11, 2022, Respondent underwent a self-referred evaluation with psychologist Dr. Amanda Stanley. Dr. Stanley determined that Respondent's mental health condition is in remission and that it did not prevent her from practicing nursing with patient care privileges, as long as Respondent continues to comply with treatment recommendations. Dr. Stanley stated that TPAPN may be appropriate.
14. In response to Finding of Fact Number Twelve (12), Respondent states that the doctor who completed her evaluation for the TPAPN program was biased and wrong when she determined Respondent should not administer medications. Respondent previously stated that she and the director of TPAPN decided together that the program was not appropriate for her and that she did not want to participate in the program. Respondent now states that she would now like to return to TPAPN with patient care privileges.

15. Respondent's compliance with the terms of a Board approved peer assistance program should be sufficient to protect patients and the public.

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(9)&(11)(B).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(1)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 538078, and Vocational Nurse License Number 93148, heretofore issued to JODELL RUTH COOK.
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.
6. The Board may, in its discretion, order a nurse to participate in a peer assistance program approved by the Board if the nurse would otherwise have been eligible for referral to peer assistance pursuant to Section 301.410, Texas Occupations Code.

TERMS OF ORDER

I. SANCTION AND APPLICABILITY

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that Registered Nurse License Number 538078, and Vocational Nurse License Number 93148, previously issued to JODELL RUTH COOK, to practice nursing in the State of Texas is/are hereby **SUSPENDED** and said suspension is **ENFORCED** until RESPONDENT:

- A. Applies to, is accepted into, and completes enrollment in the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN);
- B. Is cleared to safely practice as a nurse based on a fitness evaluation, as may be required by TPAPN; and

- C. Waives confidentiality and provides a copy of the fully executed TPAPN participation agreement to the Board.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, upon verification of successful completion of the above requirements, the Suspension will be **STAYED**, and RESPONDENT will be placed on **PROBATION** for such time as is required for RESPONDENT to successfully complete the TPAPN **AND** until RESPONDENT fulfills the additional requirements of this Order.

- D. RESPONDENT SHALL submit an application for licensure renewal/reactivation, as applicable, and pay all re-registration fees, if any, and RESPONDENT'S licensure status in the State of Texas will be activated and updated to current status and to reflect the applicable conditions outlined herein.
- E. RESPONDENT SHALL comply with all requirements of the TPAPN participation agreement during its term and SHALL keep all applicable licenses to practice nursing in the State of Texas in current status.
- F. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the TPAPN to notify the Texas Board of Nursing of any violation of the TPAPN participation agreement.
- G. This Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to RESPONDENT to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- H. This Order SHALL be applicable to RESPONDENT'S nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- I. Until successfully completed, RESPONDENT may not practice nursing in the State of Texas except in accordance with the terms of this Order.
- J. 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. SUPERSEDING ORDER

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that the sanction and conditions of this Agreed Order SHALL supersede all previous stipulations required by any Order entered by the Texas Board of Nursing.

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 suspension being stayed, unless otherwise specifically indicated:**

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 and video programs will not be approved.

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. CONSEQUENCES OF CONTINUED NONCOMPLIANCE

Continued noncompliance with the unfulfilled requirements of this or any Order previously issued by the Texas Board of Nursing, as applicable, may result in further

investigation and subsequent disciplinary action, including denial of licensure renewal or revocation of RESPONDENT'S license(s) and/or privileges to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

VI. EFFECT OF NONCOMPLIANCE

SHOULD RESPONDENT fail to comply with this Order or the terms of the participation agreement with the TPAPN, such noncompliance will result in further disciplinary action including TEMPORARY SUSPENSION pursuant to Section 301.4551, Texas Occupations Code, or REVOCATION of RESPONDENT'S license(s) and nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

VII. 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. I do acknowledge possessing a diagnosis that deems me eligible to participate in the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the entry of this Order and all conditions of said Order to obtain disposition of the allegations through peer assistance and to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that this Order becomes effective upon acceptance by the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing 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 TEMPORARY SUSPENSION pursuant to Section 301.4551, Texas Occupations Code, and/or 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 _____ day of _____, 20____.

jodellruth 12/04/2022

JODELL RUTH COOK, RESPONDENT

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

SEAL

Notary Public in and for the State of _____

Approved as to form and substance.

Yong An 12/4/22

Yong An, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20____.

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 4th day of December, 2022, by JODELL RUTH COOK, Registered Nurse License Number 538078, and Vocational Nurse License Number 93148, and said Agreed Order is final.

Effective this 8th day of December, 2022.



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



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
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BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of § AGREED ORDER
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On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the Petition for Reinstatement of Patient Care Privileges, hereinafter referred to as the Petition, of Registered Nurse License Number 538078, and Vocational Nurse License Number 93148, held by JODELL RUTH COOK, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner.

Petitioner waived notice and hearing and agreed to the entry of this Agreed Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on July 19, 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 Petitioner and Petitioner was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license(s).
2. Petitioner waived notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Agreed Order.
3. Petitioner's license to practice as a vocational nurse in the State of Texas is in inactive status. Petitioner's license to practice as a professional nurse in the State of Texas is in delinquent status.
4. Petitioner received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Harris School of Vocational Nursing, Ft Worth, Texas, on August 23, 1981. Petitioner received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from Texas Christian Harris College of Nursing, Fort Worth, Texas, on August 1, 1984. Petitioner was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on December 11, 1981. Petitioner was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on March 23, 1987.
5. Petitioner's nursing employment history includes:

1981 – 7/1984 Unknown

Petitioner's nursing employment history continued:

8/1984 – 9/1984	Staff Nurse	Research Hospital Kansas City, Missouri
10/1984 – 12/1985	Staff Nurse	Kansas University Medical Center Kansas City, Kansas
12/1985 – 3/1986	Staff Nurse	North Kansas City Hospital Kansas City, Missouri
3/1986 – 5/1986	Staff Nurse	Kansas City Children's Mercy Hospital, Kansas City, Missouri
5/1986 – 12/1986	Agency Nurse	American Nurses Resource Kansas City, Missouri
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Petitioner's nursing employment history continued:

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11/1993 – 5/1994	Unemployed	
6/1994 – 4/1995	Branch Manager	Outreach Home Health Sweetwater, Texas
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2003 – 2004	Staff Nurse	Apex Home Health Fort Worth, Texas
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2006	Staff Nurse	Medical Plaza Hospital Fort Worth, Texas
2007	Unknown	

Petitioner's nursing employment history continued:

2008 – 2009	Staff Nurse	Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Bedford, Texas
2009	Staff Nurse	Southwestern Nursing and Rehabilitation, Fort Worth, Texas
2009	Staff Nurse	Keller Oaks Nursing Center Fort Worth, Texas
2009 – 1/2020	Unknown	
1/2020 – Present		Not employed in nursing

6. On or about October 11, 2001, Petitioner was issued the sanction of Warning with Stipulations through an Order of the Board. A copy of the October 11, 2001, Order is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Agreed Order.
7. On or about June 21, 2007, Petitioner was required to successfully complete the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN) through an Order of the Board. A copy of the June 21, 2007, Order is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Agreed Order.
8. On or about February 8, 2010, the Board accepted the Voluntary Surrender of Petitioner's licenses to practice nursing in the State of Texas through an Order of the Board. A copy of the February 8, 2010, Order is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Agreed Order.
9. On or about August 6, 2013, Petitioner's licenses to practice nursing in the State of Texas were Reinstated and Petitioner was prohibited from providing patient care through an Order of the Board. A copy of the August 6, 2013, Order is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Agreed Order.
10. On or about March 7, 2021, Petitioner successfully completed a nursing refresher course, which would have been a requirement of this Order.
11. On or about April 21, 2021, Petitioner submitted a Petition for Reinstatement of Patient Care Privileges to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
12. Petitioner presented the following in support of said petition:
 - A. Letter from Florence Ouseph, M.D., LFAPA, dated June 21, 2021. Dr. Ouseph stated that Petitioner's last incident was in 2017; she is being treated and her condition is currently in remission; and that Petitioner's psychiatric condition is not impairing her

behavior, judgement, ability to function at work, or her ability to safely practice nursing at the present time.

B. Documentation of the required continuing education contact hours.

13. Petitioner has not been permitted to provide patient care since the issuance of the Limited License with Stipulations. As a result, Petitioner has not been able to adequately demonstrate that nursing practice does not continue to pose a risk of harm to patients and the public.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
2. On or about April 21, 2021, Petitioner submitted a Petition for Reinstatement of Patient Care Privileges to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
3. This Agreed Order is made pursuant to Sections 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §211.7(h).
4. 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.
5. 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).
6. 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. REINSTATEMENT OF PATIENT CARE PRIVILEGES AND APPLICABILITY

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that the petition of JODELL RUTH COOK for reinstatement of patient care privileges in the State of Texas be **GRANTED** and the sanction of Limited License

with Stipulations previously issued to PETITIONER is hereby **LIFTED** and patient care privileges restored, subject to the remaining requirements of this Order, and:

- A. Until successfully completed, this Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to PETITIONER to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- B. Until successfully completed, this Order SHALL be applicable to PETITIONER'S nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- C. Until successfully completed, PETITIONER may not practice nursing in the State of Texas except in accordance with the terms of this Order.
- D. As a result of this Order, PETITIONER'S license(s) will be designated "single state" as applicable and PETITIONER 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, 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 Nursing Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§211.1 *et seq.*, and this Agreed Order.

III. PEER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that PETITIONER SHALL comply with the following conditions for such a time as is required for PETITIONER to successfully complete the **Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN)**:

- A. Within forty-five (45) days following the effective date of this Order, PETITIONER SHALL apply to TPAPN.
- B. Within ninety (90) days following the effective date of this Order, PETITIONER SHALL sign and execute the TPAPN participation agreement and complete the enrollment process.

- C. Upon acceptance into the TPAPN, PETITIONER SHALL waive confidentiality and provide a copy of the executed TPAPN participation agreement to the Texas Board of Nursing.
- D. PETITIONER SHALL comply with all requirements of the TPAPN participation agreement during its term and SHALL keep all applicable license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas in current status.
- E. PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE the TPAPN to notify the Texas Board of Nursing of any violation of the TPAPN participation agreement.

IV. **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 and video programs will not be approved.

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 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. **EFFECT OF NONCOMPLIANCE**

SHOULD PETITIONER fail to comply with this Order or the terms of the participation agreement with the TPAPN, such noncompliance will result in further

disciplinary action including TEMPORARY SUSPENSION pursuant to Section 301.4551, Texas Occupations Code, or REVOCATION of PETITIONER'S license(s) and nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

VI. RESTORATION OF UNENCUMBERED LICENSE(S)

Upon full compliance with the terms of this Agreed Order, all encumbrances will be removed from PETITIONER'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, PETITIONER may be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

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PETITIONER'S CERTIFICATION

I understand this Order is conditioned upon the accuracy and completeness of my petition and disclosures. I further understand that subsequently discovered discrepancies in my petition and/or disclosures will result in investigation and possible disciplinary action, up to revocation of my license(s).

I have reviewed this Order. I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Order. I waive representation by counsel. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and any conditions of said Order.

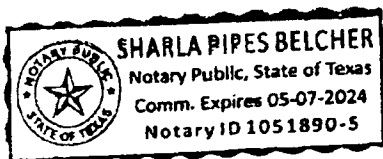
I do acknowledge possessing a diagnosis that deems me eligible to participate in the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that this Order is subject to ratification by the Board. When this Order is ratified, the terms of this Order become effective, and a copy will be mailed to me. I agree to inform the Board of any other fact or event that could constitute a ground for denial of licensure prior to reinstating my license(s) to practice nursing in the state of Texas. 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 TEMPORARY SUSPENSION pursuant to Section 301.4551, Texas Occupations Code, and/or REVOCATION of my license(s) and/or nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20____

Joell Ruth Cook
JODELL RUTH COOK, PETITIONER

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day of August, 2021

SEAL



Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 11th day of August, 2021, by JODELL RUTH COOK, Registered Nurse License Number 538078, and Vocational Nurse License Number 93148, and said Agreed Order is final.

Effective this 14th day of September, 2021.



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



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.
Stephanie Chapman
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of § REINSTATEMENT
Registered Nurse License Number 538078 §
& Vocational Nurse License Number 93148 §
issued to JODELL RUTH COOK § AGREED ORDER

On this day came to be considered by the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, the Petition for Reinstatement of Registered Nurse License Number 538078 and Vocational Nurse License Number 93148, held by JODELL RUTH COOK, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner.

An informal conference was held on June 4, 2013, at the office of the Texas Board of Nursing, in accordance with Section 301.464, Texas Occupations Code.

Petitioner appeared in person. Petitioner was notified of her right to be represented by legal counsel and elected to waive representation by counsel. In attendance were Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director; Kristin Benton, MSN, RN, Director of Nursing; Nikki Hopkins, Assistant General Counsel; Anthony L. Diggs, MSCJ, Director, Enforcement Division; Valerie Walsh, Investigator; and Diane E. Burell, Investigator.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Prior to institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these Findings of Fact was served on Petitioner and Petitioner was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license(s).
2. Petitioner waived representation by counsel, notice and hearing, and consented to the entry of this Order.
3. Petitioner received a Diploma in Vocational Nursing from Harris School of Vocational Nursing, Fort Worth, Texas, on August 23, 1981. Petitioner was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on December 11, 1981. Petitioner received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from Texas Christian-Harris College, Fort Worth, Texas, on August 1, 1984. Petitioner was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on March 23, 1987.

4. Petitioner's vocational and professional nursing employment history includes:

1981 - 7/84	Unknown	
8/84 - 9/84	Staff Nurse	Research Hospital Kansas City, Missouri
10/84 - 12/85	Staff Nurse	Kansas University Medical Center Kansas City, Kansas
12/85 - 3/86	Staff Nurse	North Kansas City Hospital Kansas City, Missouri
3/86 - 5/86	Staff Nurse	Kansas City Children's Mercy Hospital Kansas City, Missouri
5/86 - 12/86	Agency Nurse	American Nurses Resource Kansas City, Missouri
1/87 - 3/87	Unemployed	
4/87 - 10/87	Staff Nurse	Odessa Medical Center Odessa, Texas
10/87 - 5/89	Staff Nurse	Doctor's Regional Hospital Poplar Bluff, Missouri
2/89 - 5/89	Staff Nurse	Lucy Lee Hospital Poplar Bluff, Missouri
6/89 - 9/89	Staff Nurse	Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth, Texas
9/89 - 9/90	Staff Nurse	Doctor's Regional Hospital Poplar Bluff, Missouri
10/89 - 6/90	Director of Nursing	Beverly Nursing Center Dexter, Missouri
9/90 - 1/91	Staff Nurse	Delta Regional Hospital Sikeston, Missouri
1/91 - 5/92	Staff Nurse	Dexter Community Hospital Dexter, Missouri

Petitioner's vocational and professional nursing employment history continued:

5/92 - 2/93	Staff Nurse	All Saint's Hospital Fort Worth, Texas
3/93 - 4/93	Unemployed	
5/93 - 10/93	Staff Nurse	Abilene Regional Hospital Abilene, Texas
11/93 - 5/94	Unemployed	
6/94 - 4/95	Branch Manager	Outreach Home Health Sweetwater, Texas
5/95	Unemployed	
6/95 - 1/96	Home Health Nurse	Concepts of Care Abilene, Texas
1/96 - 2/96	Staff Nurse	JPS Hospital Fort Worth, Texas
2/96 - 6/96	Home Health Nurse	Home Health of Tarrant County Fort Worth, Texas
6/96 - 7/98	Nursing Supervisor	Concepts of Care Arlington, Texas
7/98 - 9/98	Home Health Nurse	Horizon Home Health Arlington, Texas
9/98 - 3/99	Staff Nurse	Arlington Memorial Hospital Arlington, Texas
3/99 - 10/99	Staff Nurse	Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth, Texas
11/99 - 12/99	Unemployed	
1/00 - 2003	Nursing Supervisor/ Case Manager	Concepts of Care Arlington, Texas
2003 - 2004	Staff Nurse	Apex Home Health Fort Worth, Texas

Petitioner's vocational and professional nursing employment history continued:

2004 - 2005	Staff Nurse	All Saints Baylor Hospital Fort Worth, Texas
2006	Staff Nurse	Medical Plaza Hospital Fort Worth, Texas
2007	Unknown	
2008 - 2009	Staff Nurse	Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Bedford, Texas
2009	Staff Nurse	Southwestern Nursing and Rehabilitation Fort Worth, Texas
2009	Staff Nurse	Keller Oaks Nursing Center Fort Worth, Texas

5. On October 11, 2001, Petitioner was issued the sanction of a Warning with Stipulations by the Texas Board of Nursing. A copy of the October 11, 2001, Agreed Order, Findings of Fact, and Conclusions of Law is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.
6. On June 21, 2007, Petitioner was issued an Agreed Order by the Texas Board of Nursing which required her to participate and successfully complete the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN). A copy of the June 21, 2007, Agreed Order, Findings of Fact, and Conclusions of Law is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.
7. On February 8, 2010, the Board accepted the voluntary surrender of Petitioner's licenses to practice vocational and professional nursing in the State of Texas. A copy of the February 8, 2010, Agreed Order, Findings of Fact, and Conclusions of Law, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as a part of this Order.
8. On or about February 8, 2013, Petitioner submitted a Petition for Reinstatement of License to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
9. Petitioner presented the following in support of her petition:
 - 9.1. Physician's note, dated August 1, 2012, from Jhansi M. Raj, MD, indicating Petitioner has been on psychiatric prescriptions for two (2) years. She has been stable in mood without any psychosis. No evidence of suicidal or homicidal feelings or tendencies. Dr. Raj feels she is stable to get her nursing license.

- 9.2. Letter of support fro Diana Rios, Fort Worth, Texas, stating she has known Petitioner since 1974. Petitioner has been tested these past few years by surrendering her license, her mother's death, and her father's failing health. Ms. Rios has witnessed Petitioner's transformation as she finally found the correct medications. In the past two (2) years Petitioner has worked and gotten her medical coding certificate. Ms. Rios believes Petitioner is ready to accept the responsibility of regaining her nursing license and beginning the next chapter of her life.
- 9.3. Letter of support, dated August 30, 2012, from Alan Potts, Director of Music, St. John's Episcopal Church, Fort Worth, Texas, stating Petitioner has been singing in the choir for about three (3) years and she has been a loyal participant in the rehearsal and presentation of music in the worship service. Petitioner seems a competent and reliable person. She fits in well with the rest of the choir members and seems to enjoy the camaraderie of the group.
- 9.4. Documentation of continuing education contact hours required for reinstatement.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
2. Pursuant to Section 301.467, Texas Occupations Code, the Board may refuse to issue or renew a license, and may set a reasonable period that must lapse before reapplication. Pursuant to 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.26, the Board may impose reasonable conditions that a Petitioner must satisfy before reissuance of an unrestricted license.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that the petition of JODELL RUTH COOK, Registered Nurse License Number 538078, and Vocational Nurse License Number 93148, to practice nursing in the state of Texas, be and the same is hereby GRANTED, AND SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING STIPULATIONS SO LONG AS THE PETITIONER complies 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 the stipulations contained in this Order:

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that, while under the terms of this Order, this Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to Petitioner to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

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

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while Petitioner's license(s) is/are encumbered by this Order, Petitioner may not work outside the State of Texas pursuant to a nurse licensure compact privilege without the written permission of the State of Texas and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Petitioner wishes to work.

(1) While under the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL NOT provide direct patient care. For the purposes of this Order, direct patient care involves a personal relationship between the Nurse and the client, and includes, but is not limited to: teaching, counseling, assessing the client's needs and strengths, and providing skilled nursing care.

(2) SHOULD RESPONDENT desire to return to a clinical practice setting, which would require her to provide direct patient care, RESPONDENT SHALL petition the Board for such approval, at which time, the RESPONDENT MUST satisfy all then existing requirements for re-issuance of the privilege to provide direct patient care. Further, the Board may impose reasonable conditions that must be satisfied by the RESPONDENT before re-issuance of an unencumbered license.

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PETITIONER'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Reinstatement Agreed Order. I waive representation by counsel. I certify that my past behavior, except as disclosed in my Petition for Reinstatement of Licensure, has been in conformity with the Board's professional character rule. I have provided the Board with complete and accurate documentation of my past behavior in violation of the penal law of any jurisdiction which was disposed of through any procedure short of convictions, such as: conditional discharge, deferred adjudication or dismissal. I have no criminal prosecution pending in any jurisdiction.

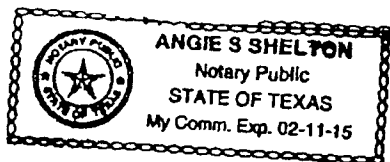
I have reviewed this Order. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and any conditions of said Order. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that this Order is subject to ratification by the Board. When this Order is ratified, the terms of this Order become effective, and a copy will be mailed to me. I agree to inform the Board of any other fact or event that could constitute a ground for denial of licensure prior to reinstating my license to practice professional nursing in the state of Texas. I understand that if I fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this Order, my license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas will be revoked, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 2 day of July, 20 13.

Joell Ruth Cook
JOELL RUTH COOK, Petitioner

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2 day of July, 20 13.

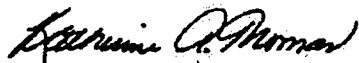
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Angie S Shelton
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Reinstatement Agreed Order that was signed on the 12th day of July, 2013, by JODELL RUTH COOK, Registered Nurse License Number 538078, and Vocational Nurse License Number 93148, and said Order is final.

Effective this 6th day of August, 2013.



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



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.
Patricia R. Brown
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Vocational Nurse License Number 93148 §
and Registered Nurse License Number 538078 §
issued to JODELL RUTH COOK §

ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 538078 and Vocational Nurse License Number 93148, issued to JODELL RUTH COOK, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.

The Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas. Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas is currently in delinquent status.
2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.
3. Respondent received a Diploma in Vocational Nursing from Harris School of Vocational Nursing, Fort Worth, Texas on August 23, 1981. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on December 11, 1981. Respondent received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from Texas Christian-Harris College, Fort Worth, Texas on August 1, 1984. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on March 23, 1987.
4. Respondent's complete nursing employment history is unknown.

5. On or about October 11, 2001, Respondent was issued the sanction of a Warning with Stipulations through an Agreed Order by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas. A copy of the Finding of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Agreed Order dated October 11, 2001 is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.
6. On or about June 21, 2007, Respondent was issued an Agreed Order by the Texas Board of Nursing, requiring her to participate in the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN).. A copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order dated June 21, 2007 is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.
7. On or about November 9, 2009, the Texas Board of Nursing notified Respondent of the following allegation:
 - On or about October 23, 2009, Respondent failed to comply with the Agreed Order issued to her by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas on June 5, 2007. Respondent's non-compliance is her failure to comply with Stipulation Number three (3), which reads:

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL comply with all requirements of the TPAPN contract during its term.

Specifically, Respondent was unable to maintain one (1) year of successful monitored nursing practice. Respondent had been fired from numerous positions for not following facility policy, unprofessional behavior, and medication errors.
8. On January 29, 2010, Respondent submitted a notarized statement to the Board voluntarily surrendering the right to practice professional and vocational nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's notarized statement, dated January 26, 2010, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.

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 violations of Section 301.452(b)(1) & (10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(9)&(11)(B).

4. Under Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.
5. Under Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.
6. Any subsequent reinstatement of this license will be controlled by Section 301.452 (b), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TAC §§213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

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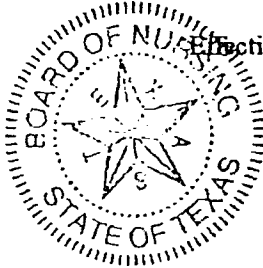
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ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 538078 and Vocational Nurse License Number 93148, heretofore issued to JODELL RUTH COOK, to practice professional and vocational nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing. In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

1. RESPONDENT SHALL immediately deliver the wallet-size license, heretofore issued to JODELL RUTH COOK, to the office of the Texas Board of Nursing.
2. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice professional or vocational nursing, use the title of registered nurse or vocational nurse or the abbreviation "RN or LVN" or wear any insignia identifying herself as a registered nurse or vocational nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a registered nurse or vocational nurse during the period in which the license is surrendered.
3. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT petition for reinstatement of licensure until: one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order.
4. Upon petitioning for reinstatement, RESPONDENT SHALL satisfy all then existing requirements for relicensure.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's multistate licensure privilege, if any, to practice professional or vocational nursing in compact states.



Effective this 9th day of February, 2010.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

By:

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

Jodell Ruth Cook
6818 Brentwood Stair Road
Fort Worth, Texas 76112
Texas RN License #538078 & Texas LVN License #93148

Voluntary Surrender Statement

January 4, 2010

Dear Texas Board of Nursing:

I no longer desire to be licensed as a professional or vocational nurse. Accordingly, I voluntarily surrender my license/licenses to practice in Texas. I waive representation by counsel and consent to the entry of an Order which outlines requirements for reinstatement of my license. I understand that I will be required to comply with the Board's Rules and Regulations in effect at the time I submit any petition for reinstatement.

Signature Jodell Ruth Cook

Date 1-26-2010

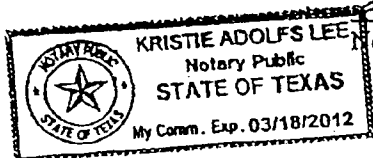
Texas Nursing License Number/s 538078 RN
93148 LVN

The State of Texas

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this date personally appeared Jodell Ruth Cook who, being duly sworn by me, stated that she executed the above for the purpose therein contained and that she understood same.

Sworn to before me the 26th day of January, 2010.

SEAL



Kristie Adolfs Lee
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

In the Matter of Vocational Nurse	§	AGREED
License Number 93148 and Registered Nurse	§	
License Number 538078	§	ORDER
issued to JODELL RUTH COOK	§	

On this day the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of JODELL RUTH COOK, Vocational Nurse License Number 93148, and Registered Nurse License Number 538078, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(12), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director.

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.
2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
3. Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas is currently in delinquent status. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Harris Hospital, School of Vocational Nursing, Fort Worth, Texas, on August 23, 1981. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on December 11, 1981. Respondent received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from Texas Christian-Harris College, Fort Worth, Texas, on August 1, 1984. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on March 23, 1987.

5. Respondent's vocational and professional nursing employment history includes:

1981 - 7/84	Unknown	
8/84 - 9/84	Staff Nurse	Research Hospital Kansas City, Missouri
10/84 - 12/85	Staff Nurse	Kansas University Medical Center Kansas City, Kansas
12/85 - 3/86	Staff Nurse	North Kansas City Hospital Kansas City, Missouri
3/86 - 5/86	Staff Nurse	Kansas City Children's Mercy Hospital Kansas City, Missouri
5/86 - 12/86	Agency Nurse	American Nurses Resource Kansas City, Missouri
1/87 - 3/87	Unemployed	
4/87 - 10/87	Staff Nurse	Odessa Medical Center Odessa, Texas
10/87 - 5/89	Staff Nurse	Doctor's Regional Hospital Poplar Bluff, Missouri
2/89 - 5/89	Staff Nurse	Lucy Lee Hospital Poplar Bluff, Missouri
6/89 - 9/89	Staff Nurse	Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth, Texas
9/89 - 9/90	Staff Nurse	Doctor's Regional Hospital Poplar Bluff, Missouri
10/89 - 6/90	Director of Nursing	Beverly Nursing Center Dexter, Missouri
9/90 - 1/91	Staff Nurse	Delta Regional Hospital Sikeston, Missouri

Respondent's vocational and professional nursing employment history continued:

1/91 - 5/92	Staff Nurse	Dexter Community Hospital Dexter, Missouri
5/92 - 2/93	Staff Nurse	All Saint's Hospital Fort Worth, Texas
3/93 - 4/93	Unemployed	
5/93 - 10/93	Staff Nurse	Abilene Regional Hospital Abilene, Texas
11/93 - 5/94	Unemployed	
6/94 - 4/95	Branch Manager	Outreach Home Health Sweetwater, Texas
5/95	Unemployed	
6/95 - 1/96	Home Health Nurse	Concepts of Care Abilene, Texas
1/96 - 2/96	Staff Nurse	JPS Hospital Fort Worth, Texas
2/96 - 6/96	Home Health Nurse	Home Health of Tarrant County Fort Worth, Texas
6/96 - 7/98	Nursing Supervisor	Concepts of Care Arlington, Texas
7/98 - 9/98	Home Health Nurse	Horizon Home Health Arlington, Texas
9/98 - 3/99	Staff Nurse	Arlington Memorial Hospital Arlington, Texas
3/99 - 10/99	Staff Nurse	Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth, Texas
11/99 - 12/99	Unemployed	

Respondent's vocational and professional nursing employment history continued:

1/00 - unknown	Nursing Supervisor/ Case Manager	Concepts of Care Arlington, Texas
Present	Unknown	

6. On October 11, 2001, Respondent was issued the sanction of a Warning with Stipulations by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas. A copy of the October 11, 2001, Agreed Order, Findings of Fact, and Conclusions of Law is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.
7. [Redacted by request of Respondent.]
8. Health Status Report, dated June 16, 2006, received from Florence Ouseph, MD, indicates Respondent does not currently pose, or potentially pose, a direct threat to the health and safety of patients/clients.
9. The Respondent's conduct described in the preceding Finding of Fact was reportable under the provisions of Sections 301.401-301.419, Texas Occupations Code.
10. Respondent's compliance with the terms of a Board approved peer assistance program should be sufficient to protect patients and the public.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.455, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
2. Notice was served in accordance with law.
3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violation of Section 301.452(b)(12), Texas Occupations Code.

4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 93148, and Professional Nurse License Number 538078, heretofore issued to JODELL RUTH COOK, including revocation of Respondent's vocational and professional licenses to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
5. The Board may, in its discretion, order a nurse to participate in a peer assistance program approved by the Board if the nurse would otherwise have been eligible for referral to peer assistance pursuant to Section 301.410, Texas Occupations Code.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT, in lieu of the sanction of Revocation under Section 301.453, Texas Occupations Code, SHALL comply with the following conditions for such a time as is required for RESPONDENT to successfully complete the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN):

- (1) RESPONDENT SHALL, within forty-five (45) days following the date of entry of this final Order, apply to and be accepted into the TPAPN, which SHALL include payment of a non-refundable participation fee in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) payable to TPAPN.
- (2) Upon acceptance into the TPAPN, RESPONDENT SHALL waive confidentiality and provide a copy of the executed TPAPN contract to the Board of Nurse Examiners.
- (3) RESPONDENT SHALL comply with all requirements of the TPAPN contract during its term.
- (4) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the TPAPN to notify the Board of Nurse Examiners of any violation of the TPAPN contract.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED, RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas as amended, Texas Occupations Code, Section §§301.001 *et seq.*, the Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §211.01 *et seq.* and this Order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice vocational and professional nursing in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while Respondent's licenses are encumbered by this Order, Respondent may not work outside the State of Texas pursuant to a multistate licensure privilege without the written permission of the State of Texas and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Respondent wishes to work.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD RESPONDENT fail to comply with this Order or the terms of the participation agreement with the TPAPN, such noncompliance will result in further disciplinary action including revocation of Respondent's licenses and multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice vocational and professional nursing in the State of Texas.

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RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

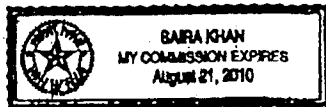
I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. I waive representation by counsel. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violation alleged herein. I do acknowledge possessing a diagnosis that deems me eligible to participate in the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Conditions One (1) through Four (4) of this Order to obtain disposition of the allegations through peer assistance and to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that this Order becomes effective upon acceptance by the Executive Director on behalf of the Board of Nurse Examiners, 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 licenses to practice vocational and professional nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 17th day of June, 2007.

Joell Ruth Cook
JOELL RUTH COOK, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of June, 2007.


SEAL



Baira Khan
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

WHEREFORE PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, does hereby accept and enter the Agreed Order that was signed on the 5th day of June, 2007, by JODELL RUTH COOK, Vocational Nurse License Number 93148, and Registered Nurse License Number 538078, and said Order is final.

Entered and effective this 21st day of June, 2007.


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

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

In the Matter of License Number 538078 § AGREED
issued to JODELL RUTH COOK § ORDER

On this day the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of JODELL RUTH COOK, License Number 538078, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(13), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived informal conference, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on April 4, 2001, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director, subject to ratification by the Board.

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.
2. Respondent waived informal conference, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
4. Respondent received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas, in August 1984. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas in March 1987.
5. Respondent's professional employment history includes:

August 1984- September 1984

Staff Nurse
Telemetry Unit
Research Hospital
Kansas City, Missouri

Respondent's professional employment history continued:

October 1984- December 1985	Staff Nurse Surgical Trauma Unit Kansas University Medical Center Kansas City, Kansas
December 1985- March 1986	Staff Nurse Intensive Care Unit North Kansas City Hospital Kansas City, Missouri
March 1986- May 1986	Staff Nurse Pediatric Intensive Care Unit Kansas City Children's Mercy Hospital Kansas City, Missouri
May 1986- December 1986	Agency Staff Nurse American Nurses Resource Kansas City, Missouri
January 1987- March 1987	Unemployed
April 1987- October 1987	Staff Nurse Post Partum Unit Odessa Medical Center Odessa, Texas
October 1987- May 1989	Staff Nurse Intensive Care Unit Doctor's Regional Hospital Poplar Bluff, Missouri
February 1989- May 1989	Staff Nurse Recovery Room Lucy Lee Hospital Poplar Bluff, Missouri
June 1989- September 1989	Staff Nurse Recovery Room Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth, Texas

Respondent's professional employment history continued:

September 1989- September 1990	Staff Nurse/ PRN Intensive Care Unit Doctor's Regional Hospital Poplar Bluff, Missouri
October 1989-June 1990	Director of Nursing Beverly Nursing Center Dexter, Missouri
September 1990-January 1991	Staff Nurse/ PRN Intensive Care Unit Delta Regional Hospital Sikeston, Missouri
January 1991- May 1992	Staff Nurse Intensive Care Unit/ Emergency Room and Evening Shift Supervisor Dexter Community Hospital Dexter, Missouri
May 1992- February 1993	Staff Nurse Telemetry Unit All Saint's Hospital Fort Worth, Texas
March 1993- April 1993	Unemployed
May 1993- October 1993	Staff Nurse Emergency Room Abilene Regional Hospital Abilene, Texas
November 1993- May 1994	Unemployed
June 1994- April 1995	Home Health Nurse/ Branch Manager Outreach Home Health Sweet Water, Texas
May 1995	Unemployed

Respondent's professional employment history continued:

June 1995-January 1996	Home Health Nurse Concepts of Care Abilene, Texas
January 1996- February 1996	Staff Nurse Nurse's Hotline JPS Hospital Fort Worth, Texas
February 1996- June 1996	Home Health Nurse Home Health of Tarrant County Fort Worth, Texas
June 1996- July 1998	Nursing Supervisor Home Health Concepts of Care Arlington, Texas
July 1998- September 1998	Home Health Nurse Horizon Home Health Arlington, Texas
September 1998- March 1999	Staff Nurse Medical Unit Arlington Memorial Hospital Arlington, Texas
March 1999- October 1999	Staff Nurse Medical Unit Harris Methodist Hospital Fort Worth, Texas
November 1999- December 1999	Unemployed
January 2000- Present	Nursing Supervisor/ Case Manager Concepts of Care Arlington, Texas

6. At the time of the incident in Finding of Fact number seven, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse in the Medical-Surgical Unit with Harris Methodist, Fort Worth, Texas, and had been in this position for five (5) months. At the time of the incident in Finding of Fact number eight, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse in the Medical-Surgical Unit with Harris Methodist, Fort Worth, Texas, and had been in this position for one (1) month. At the time of the incident in Finding of Fact number nine, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse in the Medical-Surgical Unit with Harris Methodist, Fort Worth, Texas, and had been in this position for six (6) months.
7. On or about August 25, 1999, while employed with Harris Methodist Fort Worth, Fort Worth, Texas, Respondent inadvertently administered Clonidine (an anti-hypertensive) two tenths milligram (.2mg) to Medical Record # 903488644T002, a patient who was admitted for the treatment of Crohn's disease. The physician ordered Klonopin (a benzodiazepine) two (2) milligrams (mg) to be given to the patient. Respondent's action of administering the Clonidine unnecessarily exposed the patient to the risk of adverse effects from the medication, including hypotension, bradycardia, and dizziness.
8. During April 1999, while employed with Harris Methodist Fort Worth, Fort Worth, Texas, Respondent failed to administer morphine sulfate for the Patient Controlled Analgesia (PCA) pump for Medical Record # 462148524015, as ordered by the physician. Respondent signed out Demerol for the Patient Controlled Analgesia (PCA) pump and administered the medication over a three (3) hour period to the aforementioned patient. Respondent's action of administering the Demerol unnecessarily exposed the patient to the risk of harm from adverse effects of the medication, including sedation and hypotension.
9. On or about September 29, 1999, while employed with Harris Methodist Fort Worth, Fort Worth, Texas, Respondent failed to administer albumin intravenously (IV) as ordered by the physician to Medical Record # 1022822, a patient who was admitted for a left septic knee and left thigh wound infection. The patient had a decreased serum albumin level. Respondent's failure to administer albumin unnecessarily exposed the patient to a delay in healing.

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 violations of Section 301.452(b)(13), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(3).

4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against License Number 538078, heretofore issued to JODELL RUTH COOK, including revocation of Respondent's professional license to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Board of Nurse Examiners, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of a Warning with Stipulations, and RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas as amended, Texas Occupations Code, §§301.001 *et seq.*, the Rules and Regulations Relating to Professional Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §211.01 *et seq.* and this Order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's multistate licensure privilege, if any, to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while Respondent's license is encumbered by this Order, Respondent may not work outside the State of Texas pursuant to a multistate licensure privilege without the written permission of the State of Texas and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Respondent wishes to work.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that:

(1) RESPONDENT SHALL deliver the wallet-size license issued to JODELL RUTH COOK, to the office of the Board of Nurse Examiners within ten (10) days of the date of this Order for appropriate notation.

(2) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in nursing jurisprudence. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience must include registered nurses. It must be a minimum of six (6) contact hours in length. The course's content shall include the Nursing Practice Act, standards of practice, and documentation of care. Courses focusing on malpractice issues will not be accepted. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the sponsoring institution to submit a Verification of Course Completion form, provided by the Board, to the Office of the Board to verify RESPONDENT's successful completion of the course. This course is to be taken in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may have for relicensure.

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in medication administration. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. The target audience must include registered nurses. The didactic portion of this course must be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course must contain a minimum twenty-four (24) hour clinical component which is to be supervised by another registered nurse. To be approved, the course's content must include a review of proper administration procedures for all standard routes, computation of drug dosages, the five (5) rights of medication administration, factors influencing the choice of route, and adverse effects resulting from improper administration. The description must indicate goals and objectives for the course, resources to be utilized, and the methods to be used to determine successful completion of the course. RESPONDENT SHALL successfully complete both the didactic and clinical portions of the course to satisfy this stipulation. RESPONDENT

SHALL CAUSE the instructor to submit a Verification of Course Completion form, provided by the Board, to the office of the Board to verify RESPONDENT's successful completion of the course. This course is to be taken in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board has for relicensure.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD RESPONDENT CHOOSE TO PRACTICE AS A REGISTERED NURSE IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, RESPONDENT WILL PROVIDE DIRECT PATIENT CARE AND PRACTICE IN A HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, OR OTHER CLINICAL SETTING, UNDER THE FOLLOWING STIPULATIONS FOR ONE (1) YEAR OF EMPLOYMENT:

(4) RESPONDENT SHALL notify each present employer in professional nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on RESPONDENT's license. RESPONDENT SHALL present a copy of this Order to each present employer within five (5) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL notify all future employers in professional nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on RESPONDENT's license. RESPONDENT SHALL present a copy of this Order to each future employer prior to accepting an offer of employment.

(5) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each present employer in professional nursing to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided by the Board, to the Board's office within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each future employer to submit the Notification of Employment form to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a professional nurse.

(6) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each employer to submit, on forms provided by the Board, periodic reports as to RESPONDENT's capability to practice professional nursing.

These reports shall be completed by the Registered Nurse who supervises the RESPONDENT.
These reports shall be submitted to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) months for one (1) year of employment as a professional nurse.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL be issued an unencumbered license and multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.

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RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

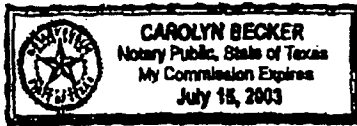
I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violations alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and any conditions of said Order, to avoid 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 to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 4 day of September, 2001.

Joell Ruth Cook Joell Ruth Cook
JODELL RUTH COOK, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4 day of September, 2001.

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Carolyn Becker
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas


Approved as to form.

Paula Shiroma-Bender
Paula Shiroma-Bender, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 10th day of September, 2001.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 4th day of September, 20 , by JODELL RUTH COOK, License Number 538078, and said Order is final.

Effective this 11th day of October, 2001.


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