

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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| In the Matter of | § | AGREED ORDER |
| Vocational Nurse License Number 202357 | § | |
| issued to DAWN MICHELLE | § | |
| VANDENBROEKE | § | |

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of DAWN MICHELLE VANDENBROEKE, Vocational Nurse License Number 202357, 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 Agreed Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on April 9, 2019.

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 current status.
4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Kilgore College-Longview, Longview, Texas, on December 14, 2005. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on January 24, 2006.
5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

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| 1/2006 – 3/2010 | Unknown |
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Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

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| 4/2010 – 1/2011 | LVN | Eastman Estates Longview, Texas |
| 1/2011 – 3/2012 | LVN | Allegiance Health Kilgore, Texas |
| 3/2012 – Unknown | LVN | Excel Staffing Tyler, Texas |
| 6/2013 – 5/2016 | LVN | TMF Health South Rehab Tyler, Texas |
| 7/2017 – Unknown | LVN | Tyler Junior College Tyler, Texas |
| 4/2018 – 5/2018 | LVN | Canton Oaks Canton, Texas |
| 7/2018 –8/2018 | LVN | Senior Centers, Jacksonville, Texas |
| 11/2018-03/2019 | LVN | Center at Grande, Tyler, Texas |
| 03/2019-08/2019 | LVN | Hospital, Saline, Texas |
| 10/2019-04/2021 | LVN | The Heights, Tyler, Texas |
| 05/2021-Present | LVN | Care First Medical Center, Tyler, Texas |

6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Canton Oaks, Canton, Texas, and had been in that position for less than one month.

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7. On or about May 14, 2018, through May 15, 2018, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse at Canton Oaks, Canton, Texas, Respondent inappropriately instructed the certified nursing assistant (CNA) to apply a Lidocaine patch to Patient PT without obtaining a physician's order. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient in that administration of medication without a physician's order could result in adverse effects and/or ineffective treatment. Furthermore, Respondent's conduct exposed the patient unnecessarily to a risk of harm in that the CNA would not be able to monitor or respond to the patient for adverse reactions, or document responses.
8. On or about May 14, 2018, through May 15, 2018, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse at Canton Oaks, Canton, Texas, Respondent failed to assess the vital signs of Patient PT but instead copied the vital signs from a prior shift and Respondent also failed to perform respiratory assessments before and after Respondent performed a breathing treatment of Patient PT. Respondent's conduct created an inaccurate medical record and was likely to injure the patient from clinical care decisions based on incomplete assessment information and created an inaccurate medical record.
9. On or about May 15, 2018, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse at Canton Oaks, Canton, Texas, Respondent falsely documented into her own progress note in the medical record of Patient PT by copying an entry made on the same Patient PT by a different nurse on May 13, 2018. On or about May 14, 2018, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse at Canton Oaks, Canton, Texas, Respondent inaccurately documented the administration of Levothyroxine in the Medication Administration Record (MAR) of Patient BH when the patient actually refused to take the medication. Respondent's conduct created and inaccurate medical record and was likely to injure the patient from clinical care decisions based on incomplete assessment information and created an inaccurate medical record.
10. In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Seven (7) through Nine (9), Respondent states she intended to fax the physician requesting an order, but due to multiple distractions and being a new employee with many patients requiring treatments, Respondent did not request the order. In response to Finding of Fact Number Nine (9), Respondent states she documented the best she was able but was still having difficulties with the facility's software due to lack of training. In addition, Respondent states she told the Director of Nursing (DON) that if she documented that she gave the medication, then she gave it.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
2. Notice was served in accordance with law.

3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violation(s) of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11 (1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C),(1)(D)(1)(M)&(2)(B) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12 (1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C),(1)(D),(4)&(6)(A).
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 202357, heretofore issued to DAWN MICHELLE VANDENBROEKE.
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 **REPRIMAND WITH STIPULATIONS** in accordance with the terms of this Order.

- A. This Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to RESPONDENT to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- B. This Order SHALL be applicable to RESPONDENT'S nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- C. As a result of this Order, RESPONDENT'S license(s) will be designated "single state" and RESPONDENT may not work outside the State of Texas in another nurse licensure compact party state.

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. 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 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 physical assessment** 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 physical assessment of all

body systems. The clinical component SHALL include physical assessment of live patients in a clinical setting; Performing assessments on mock patients or mannequins WILL NOT be accepted. 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.

- D. **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.
- E. **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. EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS

In order to complete the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT must work as a nurse in the State of Texas, providing direct patient care in a clinical healthcare setting, for a minimum of sixty-four (64) hours per month for four (4) quarterly periods [one (1) year] of employment. This requirement will not be satisfied until four (4) quarterly periods of employment as a nurse have elapsed. Periods of unemployment or of employment that do not require the use of a registered nurse (RN) or a vocational nurse (LVN) license, as appropriate, will not apply to this period and will not count towards completion of this requirement.

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

VI. RESTORATION OF UNENCUMBERED LICENSE(S)

Upon full compliance with the terms of this Agreed Order, all encumbrances will be removed from RESPONDENT'S license(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 representation by counsel. I have reviewed this Order and the allegations herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the entry of this Order and the conditions of said Order, to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive my right to 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 and my privileges to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my non-compliance.

Signed this 10th day of August, 2021
Dawn Michelle Van Den Broek
DAWN MICHELLE VANDENBROEK, RN

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

SEAL

Notary Public in and for the State of _____

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 10th day of August, 2021, by DAWN MICHELLE VANDENBROEKE, Vocational Nurse License Number 202357, and said Agreed Order is final.

Effective this 14th day of September, 2021.

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

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