

#### BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of
Registered Nurse License Number 882348
issued to JENNIFER ANN NORTHCUTT

AGREED ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of JENNIFER ANN NORTHCUTT, Registered Nurse License Number 882348, 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)(3), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived notice and hearing and agreed to the entry of this Agreed Order approved by Kristin K. Benton, DNP, RN, Executive Director, on June 25, 2024.

#### 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 Essex Community College, Baltimore, Maryland, on June 7, 1992. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on June 30, 2015.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history is unknown.
- 6. On or about June 22, 2015, Respondent was issued an Eligibility Agreed Order through an Order of the Board. A copy of the June 22, 2015, Order is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Agreed Order.

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- 7. On or about May 9, 2017, Respondent was issued the sanction of Warning with Stipulations through an Order of the Board. On or about June 12, 2017, Respondent successfully completed the terms of the Order. A copy of the May 9, 2017, Order is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Agreed Order.
- 8. On or about March 7, 2022, Respondent pled Guilty to and was convicted of BUYING, RECEIVING OR POS. STOLEN PROP; IMPRISONED, a felony offense committed on May 3, 2021, in the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands, under Cause No. ST-2021-CR-00126. As a result of the conviction, the Respondent was placed on probation for a period of thirty-six (36) months and ordered to pay a fine, court cost and Restitution in the amount of eight thousand two hundred and thirty-five dollars (\$8,235.00).
- 9. On or about May 30, 2024, Respondent completed a forensic psychological evaluation, performed by Paul Andrews, Ph.D. According to Dr. Andrews the test results suggested possible underreporting on two tests, but the licensee acknowledged a history of problems associated with alcohol and antisocial behavior. Dr. Andrews assessment leads him to conclude that she meets criteria that are outlined for consideration in evaluating 'Good Professional Character'. Respondent appears to be a productive and stable citizen of society without criminal leanings or substance abuse problems at this time. Dr. Andrews recommendation is that she is in no need for substance abuse or chemical dependency treatment. It's his opinion that she is capable of performing responsibly and without impairment as a licensee, is unlikely to repeat her theft behavior and is not a danger to the community.
- 10. Formal Charges were filed on November 14, 2023.

#### **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 cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(3), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 882348, heretofore issued to JENNIFER ANN NORTHCUTT.
- 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.

#### 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. Until successfully completed, RESPONDENT 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, 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: <a href="http://www.bon.texas.gov/UnderstandingBoardOrders/index.asp">http://www.bon.texas.gov/UnderstandingBoardOrders/index.asp</a>. 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. The course "Righting a Wrong," a 3.0 contact hour online program provided by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) International Center for Regulatory Scholarship (ICRS).

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 <u>not</u> being offered by a pre-approved provider. Information about Board-approved courses and Verification of Course Completion forms are available from the Board at <u>www.bon.texas.gov/compliance</u>.

# 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, <u>for a minimum of sixty-four (64) hours per month</u> for eight (8) quarterly periods [two (2) years] of employment. This requirement will not be satisfied until eight (8) 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: RESPONDENT SHALL be supervised by a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Registered Nurse, or by a Licensed Vocational Nurse or a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse, who is on the premises. The supervising nurse is not required to be on the same unit or ward as RESPONDENT, but should be on the facility grounds and readily available to provide assistance and intervention if necessary. The supervising nurse shall have a minimum of two (2) years 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 eight (8) quarters [two (2) years] of employment as a nurse.

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#### VI. PROBATION REPORTS

RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE his/her probation officer to submit written reports on forms provided to the RESPONDENT by the Board. The reports shall indicate the RESPONDENT'S compliance with the court ordered probation. The reports shall be furnished each and every three (3) month period until RESPONDENT is released from probation.

#### VII. SUBSEQUENT CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, should the RESPONDENT'S conduct, as outlined in the findings of fact of this Agreed Order, result in subsequent judicial action, including a deferred disposition, RESPONDENT may be subject to further disciplinary action, up to, and including, revocation of RESPONDENT'S license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

## VIII. 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 1 day of September 2024.<br>Linker Ann Northautt RU<br>JENNIFER ANN NORTHCUTT, RESPONDENT |
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| Sworn to and subscribed befor | re me this day of, 20   |
|                               | Notary Public in and for the State of   |
|                               | Approved as to form and substance.  |
| /                             | George C. "Buck" Johnson, Attorney for Respondent Signed this 11 day of September 24.                 |

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024, by JENNIFER ANN NORTHCUTT, Registered Nurse License Number 882348, and said Agreed Order is final.

Effective this 24th day of October, 2024.

Kristin K. Benton, DNP, RN
Executive Director on behalf

of said Board

#### BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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AGREED

In the Matter of §

Registered Nurse License Number 882348 §
issued to JENNIFER ANN NORTHCUTT § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of JENNIFER ANN NORTHCUTT, Registered Nurse License Number 882348, 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 Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on March 27, 2017.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Prior to the institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these Findings of Fact was served on Respondent and Respondent was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license(s).
- 2. Respondent waived notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
- 3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice as a professional nurse in the State of Texas.
- 4. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Essex Community College, Baltimore, Maryland on June 7, 1992. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on June 30, 2015.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history is unknown.
- 6. On or about June 22, 2015, Respondent was issued an AGREED ORDER OF ELIGIBILITY by the Texas Board of Nursing. A copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Agreed Order dated June 22, 2015 is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.

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- 7. On or about August 16, 2015, Respondent failed to comply with the AGREED ELIGIBILITY ORDER issued to her on June 22, 2015. Noncompliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with Stipulation Number Three (3) of the Agreed Eligibility Order which states, in pertinent part:
  - (3) PETITIONER SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00). PETITIONER SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of licensure.
- 8. On or about July 1, 2016, Respondent failed to comply with the AGREED ELIGIBILITY ORDER issued to Respondent on June 22, 2015. Noncompliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with Stipulation Number One (1) of the Agreed Eligibility Order which states, in pertinent part:
  - (1) PETITIONER SHALL, within one (1) year of licensure, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics.
- 9. On or about July 1, 2016, Respondent failed to comply with the AGREED ELIGIBILITY ORDER issued to Respondent on June 22, 2015. Noncompliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with Stipulation Number Two (2) of the Agreed Eligibility Order which states, in pertinent part:
  - (2) PETITIONER SHALL, within one (1) year of licensure, successfully complete 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.
- 10. Formal Charges were filed on September 12, 2016.
- 11. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on September 14, 2016.
- 12. On or about March 7, 2017, Respondent successfully completed a Board-approved course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics, which would have been a requirement of this Order.
- 13. On or about March 14, 2017, Respondent successfully completed the Board-approved course in "Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills," which would have been a requirement 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 violation(s) of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(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 882348, heretofore issued to JENNIFER ANN NORTHCUTT.
- 5. Pursuant to Section 301.463(d), Texas Occupations Code, this Agreed Order is a settlement agreement under Rule 408, Texas Rules of Evidence, in civil or criminal litigation.

#### TERMS OF ORDER

#### I. SANCTION AND APPLICABILITY

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of WARNING WITH STIPULATIONS AND A 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. Respondent may not work outside the State of Texas in another nurse licensure compact party state without first obtaining the written permission of the Texas Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the nurse licensure compact party state where Respondent wishes to work.

#### II. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW

While under the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT agrees to comply in all respects

with the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code, §§301.001 et seq., the Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§211.1 et seq., and this Order.

# III. SUPERCEDING ORDER

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

## IV. MONETARY FINE

RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) within forty-five (45) days of entry of this Order. Payment is to be made directly to the Texas Board of Nursing in the form of cashier's check or U.S. money order. Partial payments will not be accepted.

# V. RESTORATION OF UNENCUMBERED LICENSE(S)

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

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## RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

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

| Signed this 11 day of April ,2  | 20_17. |
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| JENNIFER ANN NORTHCUTT, Respond | dent   |

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11 day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2017

**SEAL** 

Notary ID 131058996

Notary Public in and for the State of ILLAS

Approved as to form and substance.

Jeffrey C. Grass, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this /64 day of April , 2017.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 11th day of April, 2017, by JENNIFER ANN NORTHCUTT, Registered Nurse License Number 882348, and said Order is final.

Effective this 9th day of May, 2017.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

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Executive Director on behalf

of said Board

#### BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of JENNIFER ANN NORTHCUTT, PETITIONER for Eligibility for Licensure

AGREED

**ELIGIBILITY ORDER** 

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the Endorsement Application, which has been processed as a Petition for Declaratory Order pursuant to 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.5(f) and §213.30, and supporting documents filed by JENNIFER ANN NORTHCUTT, hereinafter referred to as PETITIONER, together with any documents and information gathered by staff and Petitioner's Certification contained herein.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that PETITIONER may be ineligible for licensure pursuant to Sections 301.452(b)(2),(8)&(10) and 301.453, Texas Occupations Code.

PETITIONER waived representation by counsel, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on March 6, 2015.

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- On or about November 11, 2014, PETITIONER submitted an Endorsement Application 1. requesting a determination of eligibility for licensure in compliance with Sections 301.252, 301.257, and 301.260, Texas Occupations Code, and the Board's Rules at 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.5(f) and §213.30.
- Petitioner waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and 2. consented to the entry of this Order.
- Petitioner received an Associate Degree in Professional Nursing from Essex Community 3. College, Baltimore, Maryland, on May 1, 1992.

- 4. Petitioner completed the Endorsement Application and answered "no" to the question which reads as follows: "Has <u>any</u> licensing authority refused to issue you a license or ever revoked, annulled, cancelled, accepted surrender of, suspended, placed on probation, refused to renew a professional license, certificate or multi-state privilege held by you now or previously, or ever fined, censured, reprimanded or otherwise disciplined you?"
- 5. Petitioner failed to disclose that on August 23, 2013, Petitioner was issued a Voluntary Letter of Reprimand by the New Mexico Board of Nursing. A copy of a Voluntary Letter of Reprimand is attached and incorporated by reference as part of this Order.
- 6. After considering the action taken by the New Mexico Board of Nursing, along with Petitioner's subsequent conduct, the Executive Director is satisfied that Petitioner should be able to meet the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, the Board's Rules and Regulations, and generally accepted standards of nursing practice.
- 7. Petitioner has sworn that, with the exception of matters disclosed in connection with the Endorsement Application, her past behavior conforms to the Board's professional character requirements at 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.27.
- 8. Petitioner presented no evidence of behavior which is inconsistent with good professional character.
- 9. The Executive Director considered evidence of Petitioner's past behavior in light of the character factors set out in 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.27 and determined that Petitioner currently demonstrates the criteria required for good professional character.
- 10. Licensure of Petitioner poses no direct threat to the health and safety of patients or the public provided Petitioner complies with the stipulations outlined in this Order.
- 11. The Executive Director's review of the grounds for potential ineligibility has been made on the basis of Petitioner's disclosures.
- 12. Petitioner has been advised by the Board that any information found to be incomplete, incorrect or misleading to the Board or a subsequent discovery of a basis of ineligibility will be considered by the Board and may result in an ultimate determination of ineligibility or the later revocation of a license obtained through fraud or deceit.
- 13. Petitioner shall immediately notify the Board of any fact or event that could constitute a ground of ineligibility for licensure under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code.

# **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Sections 301.452 and 301.453, Texas
Occupations Code.

- On or about November 11, 2014, PETITIONER submitted an Endorsement Application requesting a determination of eligibility for licensure in compliance with Sections 301.252, 301.257, and 301.260, Texas Occupations Code, and the Board's Rules at 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.5(f) and §213.30.
- 3. Petitioner's history reflects conduct which may constitute grounds for denial of a license under Section 301.452(b)(2),(8)&(10), Texas Occupations Code.
- 4. The Board may probate the denial of a license under conditions for a specified term pursuant to Section 301.453, Texas Occupations Code.
- 5. The Board may license an individual with prior behaviors inconsistent with the Board's character requirements if, upon evaluation of the factors in 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.27, and pursuant to 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.33, the Board is satisfied that the individual is able to consistently conform her conduct to the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, the Board's Rules and Regulations, and generally accepted standards of nursing practice.
- 6. 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).

#### <u>ORDER</u>

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED that the application of PETITIONER is hereby

GRANTED, and upon payment of the required fees and meeting all other applicable requirements,

PETITIONER SHALL be issued the applicable license to practice nursing in the State of Texas,

which shall be subject to the following stipulations:

PETITIONER SHALL obtain and read the Texas Nursing Practice Act and the Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education, Licensure, and Practice.

PETITIONER SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code §§301.001 et seq., the Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §211.1 et seq., and this Order.

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 is 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 Texas Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the party state where PETITIONER wishes to work.

- (1) PETITIONER SHALL, within one (1) year of licensure, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics. PETITIONER SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment only if the course is not being offered by a pre-approved provider. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include nurses. It 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. PETITIONER 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 PETITIONER'S successful completion of the course. This course shall be taken in addition to any other courses stipulated in this Order, if any, and in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board has for relicensure. Boardbe found at the following Board website address: http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html.
- (2) PETITIONER SHALL, within one (1) year of licensure, successfully complete 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 program, PETITIONER SHALL SUBMIT the continuing education certificate of completion for this program to the Board's office, to the attention of Monitoring. This course is to be taken in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may have for relicensure. Information regarding Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address: <a href="http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html">http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html</a>.

(3) PETITIONER SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00). PETITIONER SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of licensure. 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.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, all encumbrances will be removed from PETITIONER'S license to practice nursing in the State of Texas and PETITIONER may be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

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#### PETITIONER'S CERTIFICATION

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

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

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

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

Signed this 22 day of June 2015

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22 day of June

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Notary Public in and for the State of Mey Merica

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| WHEREFORE                           | E, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director on behalf of the              |
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| Texas Board of Nursing does         | hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Eligibility Order that was signed         |
| on the <u>22nd</u> day of <u>Ju</u> | ine , 2015 , by JENNIFER ANN NORTHCUTT                                       |
| PETITIONER for Eligibility          | for Licensure, and said Order is final.                                      |
|                                     | Effective this 22nd day of June , 2015.                                      |
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| ,                                   | Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN Executive Director on behalf of said Board |

# BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING FOR THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF: Jennifer Northcutt License No.: R46769

Respondent

# **VOLUNTARY LETTER OF REPRIMAND**

WHEREAS, Respondent, Northcutt, R46769 wishes to resolve this matter pending before the New Mexico Board of Nursing without the need for a formal hearing, and;

WHEREAS, Respondent wishes to address the reason(s) that have caused her to come to the attention of the Board, mainly infraction of Nurse Practice Act,

61-3-28 A (6) NMSA 1978, Article 16.12:2 10 8 (2) (b), and (c) therefore:

IT IS AGREED that this LETTER OF REPRIMAND is hereby given, per Respondent's written request received in Board Office on July 30, 2013 and; this REPRIMAND is deemed as formal action by the Board.

Keep in mind that if you received a Letter of Reprimand, Probation,

Suspension or Revocation, these are considered formal action and will remain on your licensure records. You will need to mark yes to the question on any forms that ask if you have had any disciplinary actions including renewal forms.

8/23/13

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TERRI FORTNER, RN, MSN, PMHNP-E

BOARD CHAIR

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Return Receipt Requested