



Texas Board of Nursing

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February 24, 2025

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Tamantha Paulina Johnson
8410 Furay Rd
Houston, TX 77016

Dear Ms. Johnson:

Your Petition for Licensure Reinstatement and the supporting information related to your potential ineligibility for relicensure was considered by the Executive Director on October 9, 2024.

Pursuant to the Occupations Code §§301.257, 301.452, and 301.453, you have been found to be ineligible for reinstatement of licensure as a nurse in the State of Texas based upon the grounds discussed below. **This is a final determination of licensure reinstatement denial.**

Our records indicate the following:

- On or about October 25, 2018, Petitioner's license to practice nursing was limited through an Agreed Order by the Board based on the following:
 - On or about July 12, 2017, Petitioner was diagnosed with a mental health disorder that could have affected her ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patients in potential danger.
 - On or about June 1, 2018, Petitioner entered a guilty plea to ONLINE HAR-NAME/PERSONA CREATE PAGE, a 3rd Degree felony offense committed on July 14, 2017, in the 184th District Court of Harris County, Texas, under Case No. 157802101010. As a result of the plea, the proceedings against Petitioner were deferred, without entering an adjudication of guilt, and Petitioner was placed on probation for a period of two (2) years and ordered to pay a fine and court costs.
- On or about August 15, 2024 & August 21, 2024, Petitioner underwent a Psychological Evaluation, with Joyce M. Gayles Ph.D. Based on the convergence of data suggest that Petitioner does not have a propensity toward criminal behavior. However, results show that Petitioner has a history of mental and emotional instability, characterized by bouts of depression with suicidal ideation along with tendency towards interpersonal withdrawal and isolation. Other concerns include Petitioners

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vulnerability to stress, which has triggered depressive episodes several times in the past and using alcohol/drugs (marijuana) to self-medicate. Petitioners tend to avoid situations that require working closely with others and may avoid asking others for help. Since direct patient care can be highly stressful and frequently requires close collaboration with others, it's believed she would not be suited to work in most direct patient care settings. Petitioner has a low probability of committing a criminal offense again and she does not pose a threat to the community. However, there are concerns about her mental and emotional stability and potential for self-harm. Dr. Gayles cannot conclude that she would consistently behave in accordance with Board rules and nursing standards.

You are subject to denial of licensure for this conduct pursuant to the following subsections of the Occupations Code §301.452(b):

- §301.452(b)(12): "lack of fitness to practice because of a mental or physical health condition that could result in injury to a patient or the public;"

The Board also requires petitioners to demonstrate their ability to consistently conform to the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, the Board's Rules and Regulations, and generally accepted standards of nursing practice; to possess good professional character; and to pose no threat to the health and safety of patients and the public. The Board has adopted a rule, located at 22 Tex. Admin. Code §213.27, that sets forth the factors and disciplinary and eligibility policies and guidelines that must be used in evaluating good professional character in eligibility and disciplinary matters. Based upon the factors specified in §213.27, you have failed to provide sufficient evidence of good professional character required by §213.27.

The Board has also adopted a rule, located at 22 Tex. Admin. Code §213.29, regarding fitness to practice. You have failed to provide sufficient evidence of current fitness to practice based upon the criteria set forth in this rule.

Texas Occupations Code Chapter 301, as well as the Board's rules, 22 Tex. Admin. Code §213.27; §213.29-§213.33, and the Board's Disciplinary Sanction Policies are hereby incorporated by reference herein and may be located on the Board's website at www.bon.texas.gov.

You will not be allowed to petition for reinstatement until at least one (1) year from the date of this denial and until you have satisfied any conditions outlined in your order and any requirements required by law at the time of your application.

Due to this denial, you have the right to a public hearing before an Administrative Law Judge with the State Office of Administrative Hearings. Should you decide to appeal the decision to deny your licensure, please submit a written request for a public hearing, to the attention of Office of General Counsel, 1801 Congress Avenue, Suite 10-200, Austin, Texas, 78701. Your written request to appeal this decision must be received in our office within sixty (60) days of the date of this letter. Further, if this office receives information regarding additional criminal conduct or behavior that has not been previously disclosed to or discovered by this office, please be advised that evidence of such additional criminal conduct or behavior may be used against you during the public hearing in this matter to show that you lack the good professional character and other requirements for licensure.

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Further, should the decision to deny your licensure be upheld by the State Office of Administrative Hearings, you will be entitled to judicial review by filing an action in the district court of Travis County, Texas. A petition for such an action must be filed not later than the 30th day after the date the licensing authority's decision is final and appealable.

If you have any questions, please contact Enforcement at (512) 305-6838.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristin K. Benton, DNP, RN". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kristin K. Benton, DNP, RN
Executive Director

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