BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Vocational Nurse License Number 178226 §
issued to SABRINA RENEE PATTERSON §

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING
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
Executive Director of the Board

ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Bo accepted the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 178226, issued to SABRINA RENEE PATTERSON, 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 vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

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

3. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Vernon Regional Junior College, Wichita Falls, Texas on July 5, 2000. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas in October 19, 2000.

4. Respondent's vocational nursing employment history includes:

10/00 - 09/04	Unknown	
10/04 - 06/04	LVN	Allred Prison Wichita Falls, Texas
07/04 - 12/04	Unknown	

Respondent's vocational nursing employment history (continued):

01/05 - 02/07	LVN	Home Care Home Health Services Wichita Falls, Texas
03/07	Unknown	
04/07 - 08/08	LVN	North Texas Community Healthcare Wichita Falls, Texas
09/08 - 12/09	LVN	Home Care Home Health Services Wichita Falls, Texas
01/10 - Present	Unknown	

5. On or about December 1, 2009, Respondent was issued an Agreed Order by the Texas Board of Nursing, requiring Respondent to apply to, and be accepted into the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN). A copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Agreed Order dated December 1, 2009, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.

6. On or about March 24, 2011, the Texas Board of Nursing notified Respondent of the following allegations:

   On or about December 1, 2009, you were issued an Agreed Order by the Texas Board of Nursing, requiring you to apply to, and be accepted into the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN).

   On or about March 14, 2011, you contacted your Case Manager at TPAPN and informed her that you were wanting to withdraw from the program.

7. On April 25, 2011, the Board received a notarized statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's notarized statement, signed April 15, 2011, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.

8. The Board policy implementing Rule 213.29 in effect on the date of this Agreed Order provides discretion by the Executive Director for consideration of conditional reinstatement after proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of abstinence from alcohol and drugs followed by licensure limitations/stipulations and/or peer assistance program participation.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 178226, heretofore issued to SABRINA RENEE PATTERSON, to practice 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:

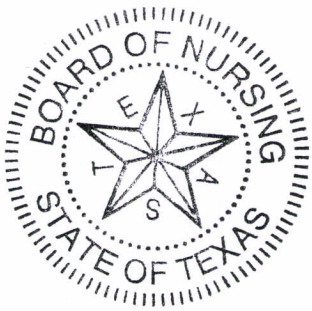
1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice vocational nursing, use the title of "Licensed Vocational Nurse" or the abbreviation "LVN" or wear any insignia identifying herself as a Licensed Vocational Nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a Licensed Vocational Nurse during the period in which the license is surrendered.

2. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT petition for reinstatement of licensure until: one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order; and, RESPONDENT has obtained objective, verifiable proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety immediately preceding the petition.

3. 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 nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

Effective this 12 day of May, 2011.



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