

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



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Patricia P. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

In the Matter of Registered Nurse §
License Number 456266 §
issued to DARLENE YVONNE HUFFMAN §

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 456266, issued to DARLENE YVONNE HUFFMAN, 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.
2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.
3. Respondent received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming on May 1, 1976. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on January 8, 1981.

4. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

09/1976 - 05/1978	Charge Nurse	Memorial Hospital Craig, Colorado
06/1978 - 02/1979	Unknown	
03/26/1979 - 08/01/1980	Head Nurse ICU	Valley Hospital Las Vegas, Nevada
02/01/1980 - 08/01/1980	Consultant	Radcliff Associates Las Vegas, Nevada
08/18/1980 - 10/08/1980	Staff Nurse	University Medical Center Las Vegas, Nevada
10/1980 - 05/1981	Director of Education	Janna Medical Systems St. Louis, Missouri
06/1981 - 06/1983	Assistant Director of Nursing (ADON)	Raleigh Hill Hospital Houston, Texas
06/29/1981 - 04/26/1982	Staff Nurse ICU	Northeast Medical Center Humble, Texas
07/1983	Staff Nurse ICU	Desert Springs Hospital Las Vegas, Nevada
08/1983 - 09/1983	ADON	MPH Home Health Houston, Texas
08/1983 - 06/1986	Staff Nurse and Charge Nurse	Montgomery County Medical Center Conroe, Texas
07/1986 - 12/1986	Staff Nurse ICU	Desert Springs Hospital Las Vegas, Nevada
07/1986 - 12/1986	Staff Nurse	Quality Care Nursing Las Vegas, Nevada
12/08/1986 - 04/02/1988	Staff Nurse ICU	Hendrick Medical Center Abilene, Texas

Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

04/10/1988 - 04/30/1992	Staff Nurse	Abilene Regional Medical Center Abilene, Texas
04/1992 - 04/1993	Quality Assurance Specialist	Concepts of Care Abilene, Texas
05/01/1993 - 02/1998	Branch Manager	Interim Health Care Abilene, Texas 79605
03/1998 - 12/2002	Unknown	
01/03/2003 - 08/13/2004	Consultant	Abilene Foot Associates Abilene, Texas
08/14/2004 - 02/22/2006	Nursing Supervisor Correctional Health	Hendrick Health System Abilene, Texas
11/2005 - Unknown	Nurse Examiner for Nurse Aide Competency Exam for Abilene Area	NACES Plus Foundation Austin, Texas

5. Formal Charges were filed on December 14, 2010. A copy of the Formal Charges is attached and incorporated by reference as part of this Order.
6. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on December 15, 2010.
7. On December 27, 2010, Respondent submitted a notarized statement to the Board voluntarily surrendering the right to practice professional nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's notarized statement, dated December 21, 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)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C),(1)(M)&(1)(U) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(F),(2)&(4).
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 Registered Nurse License Number 456266, heretofore issued to DARLENE YVONNE HUFFMAN, to practice professional 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 professional nursing, use the title of "registered nurse" or the abbreviation "RN" or wear any insignia identifying herself as a registered nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a registered 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.
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 professional nursing in the State of Texas.

Effective this 27th day of December, 2010.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

By:



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

