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Katherine A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Registered Nurse License Number 641838 § AGREED
and Vocational Nurse License Number 140071 §
issued to LOUISA HUGHES §
aka LOUISA MARIE GOMEZ § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of LOUISA HUGHES, Registered Nurse License Number 641838, and Vocational Nurse License Number 140071, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(2)&(10), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on May 4, 2010, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director.

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 licenses.
2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas. Respondent holds a license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas, which is in delinquent status.
4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Paris Junior College, Paris, Texas, on August 19, 1992, and an Associate Degree in Nursing from Paris Junior College, Paris, Texas, on May 1, 1997. Respondent was licensed to practice professional in the State of Texas on June 30, 1997, and Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on May 1, 1997.

5. Respondent's nursing employment history is unknown.
6. On or about August 6, 2003, Respondent was issued the sanction of a FINE by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas. A copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order dated August 6, 2003, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.
7. On or about January 22, 2007, Respondent submitted a Texas Online Renewal Document Registered Nurse to the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, in which she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she answered "No" to the question: "Have you ever been convicted, placed on community supervision whether or not adjudicated guilty, sentenced to serve jail or prison time or granted pre-trial diversion, or plead guilty, no contest or nolo contendere to any crime in any state, territory or country, or received a court order whether or not a sentence was imposed, including any pending criminal charges or unresolved arrests whether or not on appeal (excluding minor Class C traffic violations)? This includes expunged offenses and deferred adjudication with or without a finding of guilt."

Respondent failed to disclose that on or about April 27, 2000, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty and was convicted of THEFT >=\$20<\$500 BY CHECK (a misdemeanor offense committed on February 7, 2000), in the County Court, Lamar County, Texas, under Cause No. 39085.

Respondent failed to disclose that on or about April 27, 2000, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty and was convicted of THEFT >=\$20<\$500 BY CHECK (a misdemeanor offense committed on February 7, 2000), in the County Court, Lamar County, Texas, under Cause No. 39086.

Respondent failed to disclose that on or about April 27, 2000, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty and was convicted of THEFT >=\$20<\$500 BY CHECK (a misdemeanor offense committed on February 7, 2000), in the County Court, Lamar County, Texas, under Cause No. 39087.

Respondent failed to disclose that on or about April 27, 2000, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty and was convicted of THEFT >=\$20<\$500 BY CHECK (a misdemeanor offense committed on February 7, 2000), in the County Court, Lamar County, Texas, under Cause No. 39328.

Respondent failed to disclose that on or about April 27, 2000, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty and was convicted of THEFT >=\$20<\$500 BY CHECK (a misdemeanor offense committed on February 7, 2000), in the County Court, Lamar County, Texas, under Cause No. 39260.

Respondent failed to disclose that on or about April 27, 2000, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty and was convicted of THEFT >=\$20<\$500 BY CHECK (a misdemeanor offense committed on February 7, 2000), in the County Court, Lamar County, Texas, under Cause No. 39493.

Respondent failed to disclose that on or about January 4, 2007, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty and was convicted of RECKLESS DRIVING/CONDUCT (a misdemeanor offense committed on August 23, 2005), in the County Court of Lamar County, Texas, under Cause No. 49774.

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)(2)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(6)(I).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 641838 and Vocational Nurse License Number 140071, heretofore issued to LOUISA HUGHES, including revocation of Respondent's licenses to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of REMEDIAL EDUCATION WITH A FINE, and RESPONDENT 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 Respondent's multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while Respondent's licenses are encumbered by this Order, Respondent may not work outside the State of Texas pursuant to a multistate licensure privilege without the written permission of the State of Texas and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Respondent wishes to work.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that:

(1) RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500). RESPONDENT SHALL pay this fine 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.

(2) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics. RESPONDENT 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) contact 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. RESPONDENT 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 RESPONDENT'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. *Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address:*

<http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html>

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, all encumbrances will be removed from RESPONDENT's licenses and RESPONDENT shall be eligible for multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

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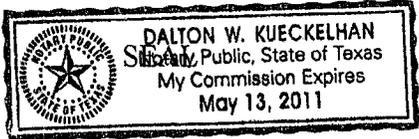
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RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. I waive representation by counsel. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violations alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, 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 revocation of my licenses to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 25th day of June, 2010
Louisa Hughes
LOUISA HUGHES, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25th day of June, 2010.



[Signature]
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 25th day of June, 2010, by LOUISA HUGHES, Registered Nurse License Number 641838 and Vocational Nurse License Number 140071, and said Order is final.

Effective this 5th day of July, 2010.



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



**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS**

In the Matter of License Number 641838 § AGREED
Issued to: LOUISA HUGHES § ORDER

On this day, the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of LOUISA HUGHES, License Number 641838, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.303 and Section 301.452(b)(1), Texas Occupations Code and 22 Texas Administrative Code, §216.

Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice, hearing and agreed to the entry of this Order offered by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director, on behalf of the Board.

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.
2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice and hearing, and consented to the entry of this Order.
3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
4. Respondent failed to make full and timely compliance with the Board's requirements for continuing education for the period ending 01/01 through 01/03.

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. Evidence received was sufficient to prove violation of Section 301.303 and Section 301.452(b)(1) Texas Occupations Code, and 22 Texas Administrative Code §216.3.
4. Respondent's failure to comply with Continuing Education requirements is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b) Texas Occupations Code to take disciplinary action against License Number 641838, heretofore issued to LOUISA HUGHES, including revocation of Respondent's professional license to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of a Fine in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100), and RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, Annotated, as amended, Texas Occupations Code §§301.001 *et seq.*, the Rules and Regulations Relating to Professional Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 Texas Administrative Code, §211.01 *et seq.*, and this Order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that RESPONDENT SHALL submit, with this signed Agreed Order and the fine, documentation of successful completion of 20 Type I contact hours of continuing education. Documentation shall include copies of certificates of program attendance. These contact hours are to be taken in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may have for relicensure.

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I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. I waive representation by counsel. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violation alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, 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 becomes final and effective when entered by the Executive Director and that 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 revocation of my license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 30th day of July, 2003.

Louisa Hughes
LOUISA HUGHES, Respondent

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas ratifies and acknowledges satisfaction of the requirements of the Agreed Order that was signed on the 30th day of July, 2003, by LOUISA HUGHES, License Number 641838, and said Order is final.

Signed this 6th day of August, 2003.

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