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This Brief Examiner is being mailed to Health Care Agencies in Louisiana to provide timely information of recent Board action.
The EXAMINER will continue to be mailed to all currently licensed Louisiana Registered Nurses on a quarterly basis.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS JUNE 2002

RNP = Recovering Nurse Program

Adams, Jeffrey John (Consent Order)
Reprimanded license with CE's and fine.
Charges: Exceeding Professional Boundaries

Bailey, Katherine Crump (Consent Order)
Reinstated license with probation and RNP minimum 5 years with stipulations.

Blanchard, Rachelle Denise Hendrick (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board order.

Bongawil, Yolanda Lee (Consent Order)
Suspended with stay and probation minimum of 24 months with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Drug-related: Other, Narcotic Documentation Discrepancies

Brown, Lena Caldwell (Consent Order)
Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Failure to Utilize Appropriate Judgment.

Burke, Christine Marie Wytenus (Settlement Order)
Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Practicing Without a License.

Butera, Donna Marie Davidge (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP.

Davis, Angela Marie (Consent Order) (Student)
Approved for clinical nursing courses with probation, stipulations and fine.
Charges: Criminal Charges.

Dellaughter, Joseph Wade Jr. (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance of Settlement Order.

Flettrich, Mary Maness (Consent Order)
Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Practicing Without a License.

Fonseca, Jennifer Demare (Ratified) (Student)
Delayed entrance into clinical nursing courses until court ordered probation completed.

Fontenot, Pamela Ruth Beauchamp (Consent Order)
Voluntarily surrendered license.

Gray, Todd Dewayne (Consent Order) (Student)
Approved for clinical nursing courses with probation, stipulations and fine.
Charges: Prior Criminal Arrests.

Hardin, Cathy Jane Norris (Consent Order)
Reprimanded license with CE's and fine.
Charges: Failure to Utilize Appropriate Judgment.

Hodges, Sherri Lenee Devillier
Suspended license.
Charges: Criminal Arrest

Holland, Karen A. (Consent Order)
Reprimanded license with CE's and fine
Charges: False Documentation, Improper Use of Drugs

Hose, JoAnn McAlister (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP.

Joiner, Terry Alan (Consent Order)
Probated license minimum 12 months with stipulations and fine.

Lathon, Roderick (Ratified) (Student)
Delayed entrance into clinical nursing courses until pre-trial diversion program completed.

Lea, Wendy Patricia (Consent Order)
Reinstated license with probation minimum 18 months with stipulations and fine.

Martin, Ann Truex
Suspended license.
Charges: Criminal Conviction

McCallum, Patricia Crawford (Consent Order)
Reprimanded license with fine.
Charges: Practicing Without a License.

McDermott, Max Edward (Consent Order)
Voluntarily surrendered license.

McIntyre, Clyde R. (Ratified)
Suspended license minimum 2 years due to non-compliance with Board Order and RNP.

Martinez, George Gerard (Consent Order)
Reinstated license with probation and RNP for 5 years with stipulations and fine.

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Mercadel, Yiana Kima (Consent Order) (Student)

Suspended with stay, probated for entire duration of enrollment/attendance in any nursing school with stipulations .
Charges: Fraud/Deceit: Other.

Miles, Cassaundra Ann Darkins (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP.

Moore, Hugh Nathan (Consent Order)

Reinstated license with probation and RNP minimum 5 years with stipulations and fine.

Moran, Donna Lynette (Settlement Order)

Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Failure to Assess and False Documentation.

Odom, Thomas Joseph (Settlement Order)

Probated license minimum 3 years with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Criminal Arrest: Drug Related.

Perronne, Wendy Valliant (Consent Order)

Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Practicing Without a License.

Price, Joshua Ryan (Settlement Order) (Student)

Approved for clinical nursing courses with probation, stipulations and fine.
Charges: Prior Criminal Action.

Rachal, Toni Taylor (Consent Order)

Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Practicing Without a License.

Reynolds, Lee Rene Avery (Ratified)

Suspended license minimum 2 years due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Richardson, Bennie Kyle (Ratified)

Suspended license minimum 6 months due to non-compliance with Board Order and RNP.

Riser, Christopher Clark (Consent Order)

Voluntarily surrendered license.

Robinson, Sandra Lee Hyde (Consent Order)(Ratified)

3/27/02 Probated license for a minimum 24 months with stipulations and fine.

4/5/02 Suspended license due to non-compliance of Consent Order.

Charges: Failure to Maintain Minimal Standards, Wastage Errors.

Rowland, Pamela Faye Chenevert (Consent Order)

Probated license for a minimum 12 months with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Failure to Utilize Appropriate Judgment, Leaving Duty Station.

Ruiz, Kelli Marig Trentcosta

Consent Order signed 2/4/2002, probation/suspension with stay extended to four (4) years from 2/4/2002

Rushing, Amanda Beth (Student) (Ratified)

Delayed entrance into clinical nursing courses until court ordered probation completed.

Salts, Donald Ray (Ratified)

Suspended license minimum 6 months due to non-compliance with RNP.

Scott, Damon Kenae (Consent Order) (Student)

Approved for clinical nursing courses with probation, stipulations and fine.

Charges: Prior Criminal Action

Sepulvado, Robert E (Consent Order)

Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Failure to Utilize Appropriate Judgment.

Sherwood, Kaylynn Marie (Endorsee)

Denied endorsement and fine.

Charges: Practicing Without a License

Smith, Beth Janine (Settlement Order)

Suspended for 18 months and fine.

Charges: Misconduct, False Documentation, Failure to Assess.

Smith, Jimmie Dale

Probated license with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Criminal Conviction

Starns, Peggy Lynn Sloan

Revoked license.

Charges: Criminal Conviction: Felony.

Stephens, Kristin Hope Cupit (Consent Order)

Reinstated license with probation for 2 years with stipulations and fine.

Taylor, Vicki Diane (Ratified)

Suspended license minimum 6 months due to non-compliance with RNP.

Temes, Stephen Scott

Suspended license with fine.

Charges: Positive Drug Screen.

Thompson, Blanche Latriece

Fined.

Charges: Imposter

Von Lofton, Leonore Helen Martinez (Consent Order)

Suspended with stay and probation minimum 2 years with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Violating State/Federal Statutes/Rules

Williams, Tangela Dionne Tieuel

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Eligible for reinstatement after completion of reinstatement process with probation, stipulations and fine in accordance with Consent Order of November 27, 2000.

Wolfe, Richard James

Suspended license.

Charges: Positive Drug Screen

RENEWAL TIME IS FAST APPROACHING

To prepare for renewals, the Board is asking employers to notify their registered nurse staff of the following:

Submit Address/Name Changes: The 2002 renewal applications will be mailed by October 15, 2002 to the last known address on file as of August 31, 2002. ~~Many renewal applications are returned as undeliverable because the nurse has moved and failed to notify the Board of the address change.~~ Address changes must be submitted in writing or by e-mail. **(See attached form-copy as needed)**

Failure to receive a renewal application does not excuse the nurse from the requirements of renewal of licensure or from the possibility of disciplinary action for practicing without a license. The responsibility rests with the licensee to assure that the Board has a current address on file at all times

Registered Nurses With Defaulted Student Loans: In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 38:2951, the Louisiana State Board of Nursing withholds the licensure renewal applications of registered nurses who were deemed by the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) to be in default of a student loan.

Individuals will be notified by mail that their 2003 renewal application will be withheld until the Board receives notification from LOSFA that payment arrangements have been made. *Please be advised that the Board has no authority to arrange payments or to issue a renewal application until we are notified by LOSFA that arrangements have been made.*

Continuing Education/Nursing Practice Requirements:

RN's must be in compliance with the C.E./Nursing Practice requirements prior to submitting their renewal application for processing. Qualifying continuing education must meet one of the following criteria:

a. the activity is approved by a Board of Nursing; or the provider is approved by the Board of Nursing; or the provider is accredited by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation; or

b. the activity or the provider is approved by an agency accredited by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation to approve continuing education providers and/or continuing education activities. The Louisiana State Nurses Association is an example of an agency, which meets criterion.

Note: The certificate of attendance must contain a statement identifying the approval authority for the contact hours.

The administrative rules provide the following options for meeting the continuing education/nursing practice requirements for renewal

of an active license:

1. Continuing Education requirements: (The rule specifies which activities are acceptable continuing education activities.)

- a. 5 contact hours (full-time employment)
- b. 10 contact hours (part-time employment)
- c. 15 contact hours (less than part-time/unemployed)
- d. Initial licensure by examination or by endorsement during the previous calendar year.

e. certification by organizations in a specialty area of nursing whose requirements have been approved by the Board as being equivalent to or exceeding the above requirements.

2. Nursing Practice requirements:

- a. full-time employment (1600 hours per calendar year)
- b. part-time employment (a minimum of 160 hours per calendar year)
- c. self-employed, home health, or independent contract employment (minimum of 1600 nursing practice hours per calendar year)

PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY RENEWAL GUIDELINES

- APRN's with limited prescriptive and distributing authority must have earned (6) contact hours of continuing education in pharmacotherapeutics between January 1, 2002 and January 31, 2003.

- On the backside of the APRN application, check the box if prescriptive authority has been granted.

- **CRNA's authorized to administer anesthetics per LRS 37:930.A.3 but who have not been granted Limited Prescriptive and Distributing Authority should not check this box.**

- Documentation of the contact hours for prescriptive authority must be submitted with the renewal application.

REMINDER

APRNs who are grandfathered or licensed with commensurate requirements without advanced practice certification (THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE THOSE APRNS LICENSED AS APRNS WITH ADVANCED PRACTICE NATIONAL CERTIFICATION) must meet in the year 2002-2003 a minimum of 300 hours of practice in advanced practice nurse (**as defined in Louisiana Revised Statutes 37:913.3.a.i-ix**) within a twelve (12) month period and a minimum of two college credit hours per year of relevance to advanced practice, or a minimum of 30 continuing education contact hours approved by the Board per year. Of the 30 hours, a maximum of 10 hours may be approved Continuing Medical Education (CME's).

APRNs who were grandfathered may choose to obtain advanced practice national certification. Otherwise, they will need to meet the practice and continuing education requirements.

For questions, contact Deborah Humphrey @ 504-838-5337 or humphreyd@lsbn.state.la.us.

NEW FORMS ON BOARD WEB SITE

The Board has recently added several new forms on our web site: www.lsb.state.la.us. The new forms are: **Address Change Form; Duplicate License Request Form; Request for Reinstatement Form; Order Form for Data Services**. These forms may be completed online, printed out and faxed or mailed to the Board office.