

# The Brief Examiner

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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 SEPTEMBER 2002

RNP = Recovering Nurse Program

### **Anderson, Thomas Lester**

Reprimanded license with fine.

Charges: Failure to Utilize Appropriate Judgment.

### **Andrepoint, Todd Anthony** (Applicant) (Settlement Order)

Approved to take NCLEX, to receive probated temporary work permit and after passing exam, receive probated license minimum 1 year with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Prior Criminal Action and Failure to Disclose.

### **Babineaux, Jeannette Monet** (Student) (Ratified)

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

### **Bashkiharatee, Marline Clarke** (Consent Order)

Reprimanded license with fine.

Charges: Unprofessional Conduct; Failure to Maintain Minimal Standards.

### **Bates, Shirley Clifton** (Ratified)

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

### **Belcher, Amanda** (Consent Order) (Student)

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

Charges: Prior Criminal Action.

### **Bell, Annette Lane** (Consent Order)

Suspended license with stay of said suspension and probated license for 21 months with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Failure to practice nursing in accordance with the legal standards, and Failure to utilize appropriate judgment.

### **Booth, Edgar Waldo** (Consent Order)

Suspended license with stipulations to complete prior to requesting reinstatement.

Charges: Failure to practice nursing in accordance with the legal standard of nursing.

### **Bradford, Ginger Anne Crooks** (Consent Order)

Suspended license with stay and reinstatement with probation minimum 5 years with stipulations, RNP and fine.

Charges: Drug Abuse.

### **Bradford, Tamara Nicole** (Consent Order) (Applicant)

Reprimanded license with fine.

Charges: Failure to report arrest.

### **Brazzell, Jeremy Lyn** (Ratified) (Student)

Delayed continuance in clinical courses until court ordered pre-trial intervention is completed.

### **Bright, Judy Harris** (Ratified) (Student)

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

### **Butler, Osby Matrine** (Consent Order) (Applicant)

Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Misconduct : Falsification of records.

### **Cappell, Johnny Brian** (Consent Order) (Applicant)

Approved to take NCLEX-RN and probated temporary work permit, upon successful passing the NCLEX-RN be issued a suspended license with stay and probation minimum 24 months with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Drug Related: DWI.

### **Carter, Amelia Dalonna** (Consent Order) (Applicant)

Approved to take NCLEX-RN, to be issued a temporary work permit, and to be licensed after passing NCLEX with reprimand, stipulations, and fine

Charges: Action in another jurisdiction

### **Cavalier, Amber Lynn Dupre** (Consent Order)

Approved to take NCLEX-RN and to be issued probated temporary work permit, upon passing NCLEX-RN suspended license with stay with probation minimum of 48 months, stipulations and fine.

Charges: Misconduct: Physical and Verbal Abuse.

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#### **Coble, Peter Thomas** (Consent Order)

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

#### **Cole, Jacques Paul** (Consent Order) (Applicant)

Approved to sit for NCLEX-RN and to be issued a probated work temporary permit, after successfully passing NCLEX-RN suspended license with stay, probation minimum 24 months with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Prior Arrests, History of Mental Condition.

#### **Conde, Francis Esteban** (Settlement Order)

Suspended license with stay and probated minimum 4 years with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Positive Drug Screen

#### **Coppock, Steven Thomas** (Consent Order)

Voluntary surrender of license.

#### **Crain, Chastity** (Student) (Ratified)

Delayed entrance into clinical nursing courses until completion of the court ordered probation.

#### **DeBerry, Pamela Jean Richardson**

Suspended minimum 3 months, reinstatement contingent upon meeting stipulations and fine.

Charges: Failure to Practice Nursing in Accordance with the Legal Standards of Nursing, and Failure to Cooperate with the Board.

#### **Elazab, Muneer** (Student)

Granted approval to enter/progress to the next clinical nursing course/sequence with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Misconduct.

#### **Ellis, Kerri Lee Gilbert**

Reprimanded license and fine prior to license renewal.

Charges: Practicing without a license.

#### **Estevez, Daniel Paul** (Ratified)

Suspended license due to violation of Board Order.

#### **Fruge-Dodd, Glenda Marie** (Student) (Ratified)

6/11/02 Delayed entrance into clinical nursing courses until such time as pre-trial diversion program is completed.

9/11/02 Approved for clinical nursing courses with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Prior Criminal Action

#### **Gauthier, Monique Jevay** (Consent Order)

Suspended for 1 month with reprimand and fine prior to reinstatement or within 3 months.

Charges: Practicing without a license; falsification of records.

#### **Goodwin, Heather Lott** (Consent Order) (Applicant)

Reprimanded with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Practicing without a license.

#### **Graffeo, Angela Nichols** (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP.

#### **Graham, Christopher Michael** (Consent Order)

Suspended license with stay and probated license minimum 2 years with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Drug Abuse

#### **Gras, Charles Walter** (Consent Order)

Reinstated license with probation for 1 year with stipulations.

Charges: Medication Errors, False Documentation, and Aiding and Abetting Others.

#### **Hale, Kaci Marie** (Consent Order) (Student)

Approved for clinical nursing courses with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Misconduct: Failure to Disclose Criminal History.

#### **Hall, Bryan K** (Consent Order) (Student)

Approved for clinical nursing courses with probation and stipulations.

Charges: Alcohol Abuse.

#### **Hanks, Karla Mary** (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP.

#### **Hayes-Ellis, Janice Carole** (Consent Order)

Suspended license with stay and probation minimum 12 months with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Failure to intervene.

#### **Henning, Stephen Michael** (Applicant)

Granted approval to take the NCLEX-RN, to be issued a probated temporary work permit, to receive a probated license for 1 year with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Falsifying Records.

#### **Husser, Keith Edwin** (Consent Order)

Retained license with probation license minimum 3 years with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Chemical Dependency, Falsification of Records.

#### **Jackson, Paulette White** (Settlement Order)

Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Violating Federal Statutes/Rules

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**Jacobs, Lisa Jones** (Consent Order)

Voluntarily surrendered license.

**Johnson, David Brian** (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP.

**Johnson, Demetrus** (Settlement Order) (Student)

Approved to continue with clinicals with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Criminal Arrests/Alcohol Abuse

**Johnson, Racquel Cummings** (Consent Order) (Applicant)

Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Misconduct: Falsification of records.

**Kalmanson, Roberta M** (Consent Order)

Reinstatement with probation minimum 6 months with stipulations.

**Keathley, Sharon Turner** (Consent Order)

Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Misconduct: False Documentation and

Unprofessional Conduct: Failure to Supervise.

**Keene, Mary Ellen Darby** (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP.

**Lawler, William Paul** (Consent Order)

Suspended license with stay and probation minimum 1 year with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Failure to maintain standards of nursing practice.

**Lejeune, Misty Grosch** (Consent Order) (Applicant)

Approved for NCLEX-RN with probated temporary work permit, upon successful completion of NCLEX-RN, suspended license with stay of suspension, and probated license minimum 24 months with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Failure to report prior arrests on nursing school applications.

**Little, Jonathan Isaac** (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board order.

**Lockridge, Pamela Huffman** (Consent Order)

Reinstated license with probation for 3 years with stipulations and fine.

**Lowenstein, Toni Terrell** (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP.

**Mejia, Gloria Elizabeth** (Student) (Ratified)

Delayed entrance into clinical nursing courses until criminal matter is resolved.

**Meserve, Nancy Evans** (Consent Order)

Reinstated license with probation and RNP for 5 years with stipulations.

**Miller, Leslie Lynn** (Consent Order)

Suspended license with stay and probation minimum 12 months with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Failure to Maintain Minimum Standards.

**Mitchell, Michelle Marie** (Consent Order) (Student)

Approved for clinicals with probation and RNP.

Charges: Criminal Action; Drug Abuse.

**Norris, James Herbert Jr.** (Consent Order)

Reprimanded license and probated minimum 12 months with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Practicing beyond the scope of a registered nurse.

**Petit, Charlotte Margert Froechtenich** (Consent Order)

Reprimanded license with fine.

Charges: Violating state or federal statutes/rules.

**Powell, Karen Cook** (Consent Order)

Retained license with probation minimum 4 years with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Action in another jurisdiction

**Rabinowitz, Gail Elizabeth** (Consent Order)

Probated license for 1 year with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Failure to practice nursing in accordance with the legal standards and Failure to fully disclose.

**Ricketts, Connie Degler** (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP.

**Robinson, Emathious Kashara** (Consent Order) (Student)

Approved for clinical nursing courses with probation and stipulations.

Charges: Prior Criminal History: Multiple Charges

**Rojas, Cecilia** (Consent Order)

Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Criminal Action: Felony Conviction.

**Rosario, Alison Hoffman** (Consent Order)

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

Charges: Failure to Maintain Minimal Standards

**Ruiz, Kelli Trentcosta** (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance of Board Order.

**Sayles, Marie A** (Consent Order) (Student)

Approved for clinical nursing courses with fine.

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Charges: Violating State Laws/Previous Shoplifting Arrests.

**Shortner, Carrie J.** (Consent Order)

Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.

Charges: False Documentation.

**Shumock, Lydia Elizabeth**

Summary suspension.

Charges: Medication Errors; Other: Drug Related.

**Slaydon, Thomas Lynn** (Student)

Approved for clinicals with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Prior Criminal Action.

**Smith, Jonah Stafford** (Consent Order) (Student)

Approved for clinical nursing courses with probation and stipulations.

Charges: Drug Abuse.

**Smith, Tambi Sonora** (Consent Order)

Voluntary license surrender.

**Stromboe, Richard Roland** (Consent Order) (Applicant)

Approved for NCLEX and be issued a probated temporary work permit, license be suspended with stay and probated minimum 36 months with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Failure to report arrests; alcohol-related arrest.

**Taffaro, Anthony** (Consent Order)

Voluntary Surrendered License.

**Temes, Stephen Scott**

Reinstated license with probation for 1 year with stipulations and fine.

**Thornhill, Jayson Alton** (Consent Order)

Suspended license with stay and probated license minimum 1 year with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Criminal Conviction: Misdemeanor

**Vautour, Lillie Ann Shears** (Consent Order) (Student)

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

Charges: Prior Criminal Action.

**Villejoin, Michael James** (Consent Order)

Probated license minimum 1 year with stipulations, RNP and fine.

Charges: Breach of Confidentiality.

**Vlahakis, Peter Nicholas** (Consent Order)

Reprimand with stipulations and fine.

Charge: Unprofessional Conduct.

**Waddell, Amy W.** (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP.

**Wall, Jon Timothy** (Consent Order)

Reprimanded license with fine.

Charges: Criminal Arrest Conviction and Failure to Disclose.

**Williams, Cynthia Aro**

Reinstated license after completion of application process and payment of court costs.

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**2003 RENEWAL**

RN's and APRN's should have received their 2003 renewal applications by October 31, 2002. This year the 2002 renewal applications are burnt orange and white.

**Please note the following renewal timetable:**

October 1 – 4, 2002 – Applications mailed out.

November 15, 2002 – If you have not received your 2003 renewal application, contact the Board and request a duplicate at this time.

December 15, 2002 – Application must be mailed to ensure that your renewal is received prior to December 31.

January 31, 2003 – All 2002 licenses expire.

February 1, 2003 – RN's who have not renewed are considered delinquent.

**Note: Mail applications to the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 54393, New Orleans, LA 70154-4393.**

**WALK-INS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Allow 2 – 3 weeks for renewal applications to be processed and license issued. To verify that the 2003 license has been issued, use the Automated Verification system (504) 838-5430.

**Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) Renewals**

APRN's will receive an APRN renewal application and a RN renewal application. If you hold a 2002 APRN license in Louisiana and do not receive an APRN renewal application, please contact the Board office. **APRN renewals cannot be processed until the RN renewal has been processed.**

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**REMINDER**

APRN's 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

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Medical Education (CME's).

APRN's 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 at 504-838-5337 or [humphreyd@lsbn.state.la.us](mailto:humphreyd@lsbn.state.la.us).

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**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. **(To obtain copy, go to website)**

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 has 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.

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**THE BOARD OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DESIGNATED HOLIDAYS:**

- November 11, 2002 – Veterans Day Observed
- November 28 & 29, 2002 – Thanksgiving Day and Acadian Day
- December 25, 2002 – Christmas Holiday
- January 1, 2003 – New Years Day

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**NEW FORMS ON BOARD WEB SITE**

The Board has recently added several new forms on our web site: [www.lsbns.state.la.us](http://www.lsbns.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.

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