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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 2003

RNP = Recovering Nurse Program

Anderson, Barbara Jewel (Consent Order) (Applicant)
Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Prior Arrest: Failure to Disclose.

Andre, Celeste Ann Karn (Ratified) (Consent Order)
07/18/03 Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board Order;
08/01/03 Reinstated license to active status.

Arcement, Shim Cherie (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stay of suspension and probated for 3 years with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Drug Related: Drug Diversion-Self; Drug Diversion-Others, and Other: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Bascle (Jr.), Donald Louis (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stay of suspension and probated minimum 12 months with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Failure to Maintain Minimal Standards

Berndt, Reinhard Johannes-Heinz (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stay of suspension with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Drug Related: Alcohol use on duty

Blanchard, Jerilynn Marie Pierce (Ratified) (Student)
Delayed entrance into clinical nursing courses until pending legal matters resolved.

Bongawil, Yolanda Lee (Ratified)
License suspended for minimum of 3 years with stipulations and fines.
Charges: Practicing without a license; Violating a Board Order

Bonomolo-Rivas, GERALYN ANN (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stay of said suspension and probated for minimum of 2 years with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Unprofessional Conduct: Documentation Errors, Medication Errors, Practicing Beyond Scope; Inability to Practice Safely: Physical and Mental Conditions.

Boudreaux, Joshua C. (Ratified) (Student)
Denied approval to continue in clinical nursing courses or to be licensed due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Bowman, Clyde David (Consent Order) (Student)
Approval granted to enter into clinical nursing courses/sequence with probation, RNP, and fine.
Charges: Alcohol Abuse.

Burns, Brian A. (Ratified)
Suspended license due to action in another state.

Burns, Ricky Rena (Consent Order)(Applicant)
Approval granted for probated license upon successfully passing NCLEX-RN exam for minimum 12 months with stipulations and fine
Charges: Prior Arrests: Failure to Disclose

Caskey, Christopher Wade (Consent Order)
Reprimanded, suspension with stay of suspension and eligible for reinstatement with probation and RNP minimum 5 years, stipulations and fine.
Charges: Practicing Nursing Without a License; Granted Reinstatement with Probation

Chandler, Kerri Beshea (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stipulations to complete prior to requesting reinstatement; after reinstatement of license, suspension of license is stayed with probation minimum 3 years, stipulations and fine.
Charges: Drug Abuse

Chiaromonte, Lydia Marie Savoy (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Chisholm (Jr.), Clyde James (Consent Order)
Voluntary Surrender of License

Close, Patricia Anne Davaney (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Coleman, Sylvia Deshun Pleasant (Consent Order) (Applicant)
Approval granted to take NCLEX-RN exam, be issued a probated temporary work permit and probated license minimum 6 months after successfully passing exam with stipulations and fines
Charges: Criminal Conviction: Misdemeanor

Combest, James Newton (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP.

Coughlin, Daniel Anthony (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stipulations prior to reinstatement; after reinstatement of license, issued a suspended license with stay of suspension, probation minimum 24 months with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Fraud, Deceit: Fraudulent Billing

Crawford, Mitchell Scott (Consent Order) (Student)
Approval granted to enter/progress to the next clinical nursing courses/sequences with probation, stipulations and fine.
Charges: Prior Criminal Action.

Curole, Anthony John (Consent Order) (Applicant)
Granted approval to take NCLEX-RN exam; be issued a probated temporary work permit with stipulations; upon successful passing exam, be issued a suspended license with stay of suspension and probated minimum 2 years with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Criminal Arrests: Alcohol-related.

Davidson, Susan Mae Niehaus (Ratified)
Suspended license due to board action in another state

Debarbieris, Aimee Marie (Consent Order) (Applicant)
Approval granted to take NCLEX-RN exam; suspended license with stay of suspension and probation for 2 years with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Drug Related: Other: Arrest for DWI

Dial, Keriel Marie (Ratified) (Student)
Denied approval to continue in clinical courses or to be licensed due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Duke, Cristi Ann Bullock (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP

Duncan, Glenda (Ratified) (Student)
Delayed progressing in clinical nursing courses until Consent Order returned and evaluations completed.

Durning, Wendy Lynn Chustz (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP.

Elliott, Patricia Lynne Moore (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stay of suspension and probated for 3 years with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Drug Related: Documentation Errors

Emmons, Shaun Paul (Consent Order) (Student)
Approval granted to enter clinical nursing courses with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Criminal Arrest

Ervin, Rosi Marie Logwood (Consent Order)(Applicant)
Reprimanded; licensure by endorsement granted upon completion of application requirements and fine.
Charges: Other: Failure to Report Violations

Fleming, Mollie R. (Consent Order) (Student)
Approval granted to enter/progress to the next clinical nursing course/sequence with probation, stipulations and fine.
Charges: Alcohol Abuse

Fletcher, Julie Deann (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board order.

Foley, Katherine Marie (Consent Order)
Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Falsification of renewal application and failure to comply with the Continuing Education Audit.

Fontenette, Darryl Louis (Ratified) (Student)
Delayed entrance into clinical nursing courses until court ordered probation is completed.

Gaines (Jr.), Euclide Dewayne (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stay of suspension and probated for 24 months with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Drug Related: Narcotic Documentation Discrepancies

Gray, Todd DeWayne (Consent Order) (Applicant)
Approval granted to take NCLEX-RN exam; be issued probated temporary work permit and probated license minimum of 1 year.
Charges: Prior Criminal Arrests

Grimmer, John Michael (Consent Order)(Student)
Approval granted to progress to the next clinical nursing course with probation, and stipulations and fine.
Charges: Prior Criminal Arrests

Guillory, Virginia Lauren (Consent Order)(Applicant)
Approval granted to take NCLEX-RN exam with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Failure to Disclose

Hall, Sarah Stanley Beach (Consent Order)
Reprimanded license and approval granted for reinstatement with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Practicing without a license: Failure to Renew

Harper, Shelby Leigh (Ratified)
Summarily suspended license.
Charges: Narcotics Discrepancies

Harris, Nina Elizabeth Dowling (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP agreement.

Hatala, Janine Ann McCloskey (Ratified) (Applicant)

7/18/03 License recalled;

9/10/03 Licensure by endorsement denied until stipulations and fines are met.

Charges: Criminal Conviction Felony, Practicing without a license.

Hatfield, Mary Beth Price (Consent Order)

Suspended license with stay of suspension and probated for 12 months with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Practicing Beyond Scope and Boundary Issues.

Hurd, Carl Douglas (Applicant)

Denied licensure by endorsement with fine.

Charges: Falsification of records.

Husser, Keith Edwin (Consent Order)

Suspension of license stayed and license reinstated with probation and RNP for minimum of 5 years with stipulations and fine.

Irvin, Lyshinda Lynell (Consent Order) (Applicant)

Approval granted to take NCLEX-RN exam with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Failure to Disclose

Jennings, Dionne Marie (Consent Order)

Suspended license with stay of suspension and probation for 24 months with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Action in Another Jurisdiction

Johnson, Demetrus (Ratified) (Student)

Denied progression to the next clinical nursing course due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Jones, Annette Marie (Settlement Order)

Suspended license with stay of suspension and probation for 12 months with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Documentation Errors

Kemp, Dorothy Eugenia Johnson (Consent Order)

Eligible for reinstatement upon completion of stipulations and fine.

King, Rhiannon Julie Duos (Ratified) (Consent Order)

6/19/03 Delayed entrance into clinical nursing courses until court ordered probation completed;

8/20/03 Approved granted to enter/progress to the next clinical nursing courses/sequence with probation, stipulations and fine.

Charges: Prior Arrests

Kirby, Rachel Jean Kent (Consent Order)

Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Failure to Maintain Minimum Standards.

Laborde, Brent Thomas (Ratified)

Suspended licensed due to non-compliance with Board order.

Lee, Mary Marquerite Dugas (Consent Order)

Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Misconduct: Other: Falsification of Prescription

Lemoine, Jake Joseph (Consent Order) (Student)

Approval granted to continue in clinical nursing courses with probation minimum 3 years, RNP, stipulations, and fine.

Charges: Criminal Convictions; Alcohol and Drug Abuse

Lilly, Marvin Bradly

Suspended license minimum 6 months with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Criminal Conviction: Drug Related and False documentation Failure to report violations.

Littleton, Daniel Arthur (Consent Order)

Suspended APRN license minimum 12 months; suspended RN license with stay of said suspension and probated minimum 3 years with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Drug Abuse.

Mayeaux, Sarah Alice Wood (Consent Order)

Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.

Charges: Failure to Properly Assess and Intervene.

McCornell, Mary Lee Walker (Consent Order)

Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine; license to remain on inactive status until resolution of civil matter is received by the Board.

Charges: Failure to Disclose Previous Arrest.

Meserve, Nancy Evans (Ratified)

7/31/03 Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP agreement.

9/10/03 License revoked.

Charges: Violating Board Order.

Miller, Leslie Lynn (Ratified)

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

Munro, Robert Eric (Consent Order)

Reinstated license with probation for minimum 12 months with stipulations.

Murray, Paulette Smith (Consent Order)

Voluntary surrender of license.

Napolitano, Kathleen Mary Milliken (Ratified)

Suspended license due to non-compliance with RNP

Nelson (Jr.), Donald Eugene (Consent Order)
Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Other: Failure to Disclose Criminal Arrest

Ontimara, Lisa Marie Howe (Consent Order)
Suspended license with fine and stipulations prior to request for reinstatement.
Charges: Drug Abuse: Presenting Illegal Prescriptions

Owens, Charles Anthony (Settlement Order) (Applicant)
Approved to take NCLEX-RN, be issued probated temporary work permit and probated license.
Charges: Previous Arrest

Patterson, Jaschandria Iriane Bailey (Consent Order) (Applicant)
Approval granted to take NCLEX-RN, be issued a work permit and licensure with stipulations and fine
Charges: Criminal Action; Failure to Disclose

Pearson, Gary Wayne (Settlement Order) (Student)
Approval granted to continue in clinical nursing courses with probation and stipulations.
Charges: Prior Criminal Action

Penrose, Irma Dukate Cieutat (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Poisso, Kevin Lynn (Ratified)
Suspended license due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Pollard, Rachel E. (Ratified)(Student)
Approval delayed to continuance in clinical nursing courses until pending legal matter is resolved.

Rauls, Kevin Doyle (Consent Order)
Probated license for minimum 12 months with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Drug Related: Positive urine drug screen

Rezin, Dawn Monic (Consent Order)
Licensure by endorsement granted with probation 2 years with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Prior Arrests

Ritter, Alicia Charlene Boudreaux (Consent Order) (Applicant)
Approval granted to take NCLEX-RN with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Failure to Disclose

Robertson, Lisa Catherine (Ratified) (Student)
Delayed approval to enter clinical courses until court ordered probation is completed.

Roy, Blake James (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stay of suspension and probated for 2 years with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Arrest: DWI

Roy, Eric Brent (Ratified) (Applicant)
Delayed licensure by endorsement due to action in other jurisdiction.

Sheppard, Angel Lynette (Ratified) (Student)
Denied approval to continue in clinical courses or to be licensed due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Stalsby, Charles Curt (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stay of suspension and eligible for reinstatement with probation for minimum 36 months with stipulations and fine.

Thomas, Evelyn Lucille Kennerson (Consent Order)
Eligible for reinstatement upon completion of stipulations.
Charges: Previous Criminal Arrest

Thomas, Paul Wayne (Consent Order)
Reprimanded license with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Practicing without a license

Thorpe, William George (Ratified)(Applicant)
08/27/03 Delayed licensure by endorsement;
09/10/03 Denied licensure by endorsement with a fine.
Charges: Practicing without a license; Action in another jurisdiction.

Varnum, Roland David (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stay of suspension and probated for minimum 3 years with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Drug Related: Other; Practicing Beyond the Scope of Nursing Practice.

Ward, James Walter (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stay of suspension and probated for 2 years with stipulations and fine.
Charges: Arrest: DWI

Weller, Tina Louise (Consent Order)
Suspended license minimum 3 months with stipulations to complete prior to requesting reinstatement.
Charges: Falsification of Records.

Williams, Pamelyn Wooten (Ratified) (Consent Order) (Student)
08/06/03 Denied approval to continue in clinical courses or to be licensed due to non-compliance with RNP.
08/22/03 Approved granted to enter/progress to the next clinical courses/sequences with probation, RNP and stipulations.
Charges: Drug Abuse

Wilson, Connie Lynn Farmer (Consent Order) (Student)
Approval granted to continue in clinical nursing courses with probation, RNP and stipulations.
Charges: Criminal Conviction: Misdemeanor

Wilson, Shanna Sue Graham (Ratified)
Suspended license for minimum of 6 months due to non-compliance with Board Order.

Wimprine (Jr.), Ronald Davis (Consent Order)
Suspended license with stipulations prior to reinstatement
Charges: Misconduct: Physical Abuse, Breach of Confidentiality and Unprofessional Conduct: Failure to Maintain Minimal Standards, Unsafe Practice.

Zoppi, Jennifer Raye Waites (Ratified) (Student)
Delayed entrance into clinical nursing courses until criminal charges resolved.

RENEWAL TIME IS HERE

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

Active Military Service: If a licensee (RN and APRN) is serving in the active military service of the United States or any of its allies, all requirements for licensure are suspended. Write on the application – ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE and return in the enclosed envelope. The license(s) will be renewed for the year.

Submit Address/Name Changes: The 2004 renewal applications were mailed the week of October 1-3, 2003 to the last known address on file as of September 11, 2003. 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 by mail, fax or e-mail.

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 were notified on August 22, 2003 by Certified Mail that their 2004 renewal applications were going to 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, 2003 and January 31, 2004.
- 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 2003 a minimum of 300 hours of practice in advanced practice nurse (as defined in Louisiana Revised Statutes 37:913.3.a.-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.

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