

Respondent's employment history (continued)

10/2000 - 11/2000	Unknown
11/2000 - 05/2001	Staff RN Darnall Army Community Hospital Fort Hood, Texas
Unknown	Staff RN ManorCare - Temple West Temple, Texas
05/2000- 09/2004	Staff RN Cedar Crest Hospital & Residential Treatment Center Belton, Texas
02/2005 - Present	Floor RN Columbia Health Care - Arora Group Killeen, Texas

6. On or about June 29, 2004, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Cedar Crest Hospital and Residential Treatment Center, Belton, Texas, and assigned to provide nursing care to a thirteen year old female patient, Respondent wiped cream on the patient's lip with his finger, whereas other nursing staff had provided a Q-tip to the patient in order for the patient to apply the medication herself. Additionally, while Respondent administered the medication to the patient's lip, he stated that he "liked looking at her." Subsequently, the patient reported that these behaviors made her feel uncomfortable. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient in that it exposed the patient unnecessarily to a risk of experiencing emotional and/or psychological harm.
7. On or about September 15, 2004, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Cedar Crest Hospital and Residential Treatment Center, Belton, Texas, and assigned to provide nursing care to a thirteen year old female patient, the Respondent made the patient feel uncomfortable, in that the patient reported that Respondent was "rubbing all up on my back, getting close to my butt and on my face." Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient in that it exposed the patient unnecessarily to a risk of experiencing emotional and/or psychological harm.
8. On or about May 29, 2002 through September 17, 2004, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Cedar Crest Hospital and Residential Treatment Center, Belton, Texas, Respondent was repeatedly counseled by his supervisors and Director of Nursing for making female adolescent patients feel uncomfortable and for failing to maintain appropriate professional and/or personal boundaries. Further, Respondent was required to always have

a chaperone present when providing care to female patients.

9. On or about September 17, 2004, Respondent was terminated from Cedar Crest Hospital and Residential Treatment Center, Belton, Texas, due to "the accumulation of different patients' complaints over the past two years concerning Respondent's inability to maintain appropriate boundaries with patients".
10. On or about January 11, 2006, Respondent was arrested by the Copperas Cove Police Department, Copperas Cove, Texas, and subsequently charged for INDECENCY WITH A CHILD - SEXUAL CONTACT (a 2nd Degree felony offense committed on January 5, 2006), and two (2) Counts of PURCHASE FURNISH ALCOHOL TO A MINOR (both Class A misdemeanor offenses committed on January 4, 2006).

On or about October 13, 2006, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to a reduced offense of INJURY TO A CHILD (a 3rd Degree felony offense committed on January 5, 2006), in the 52nd District Court of Coryell County, Texas, under Case No. FISC-06-18144. As a result, the proceedings against Respondent were deferred without entering an adjudication of guilt, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of five (5) years, and ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

Additionally, in exchange for the State reducing the offense, Respondent agreed to participate in sex offender treatment until successfully released and Respondent agreed to the establishment of a child safety zone pursuant to Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 42.12, Section 13D, knowing these two (2) conditions would not be imposed on him absent the agreement he reached with the State in exchange for the reduction in the charged offense.

Respondent admitted during sentencing in Cause No. FISC-06-18144, his guilt in the unadjudicated offenses of PURCHASE FURNISH ALCOHOL TO A MINOR (2 Counts).

11. Respondent's period of probation was terminated on or about May 1, 2009.
12. Respondent, by his signature to this Order, expresses his desire to voluntarily surrender his license to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

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)(3)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(15) & (16)(effective through

10/1/04) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(13).

4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 666048, heretofore issued to EDWARD ASHLEY HANKINS, including revocation of Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
5. Under Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.
6. Under Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, as amended, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.
7. Any subsequent reinstatement of this license will be controlled by Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED and ORDERED that the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER of Registered License Number 666048, heretofore issued to EDWARD ASHLEY HANKINS, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by the Texas Board of Nursing.

In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

1. RESPONDENT SHALL immediately deliver the wallet-sized license, heretofore issued to EDWARD ASHLEY HANKINS, to the office of the Texas Board of Nursing.
2. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice professional nursing, use the title "registered nurse" or the abbreviation "RN" or wear any insignia identifying himself 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.
3. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT petition for reinstatement of licensure until: one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order.
4. 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 multistate privilege, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

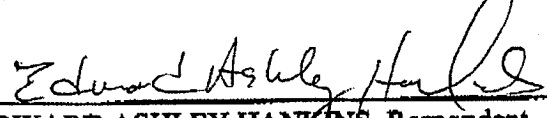
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RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. 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 this Order becomes final when accepted by the Executive Director at which time the terms of this Order become effective and a copy will be mailed to me.

Signed this 16 day of June, 2009.


EDWARD ASHLEY HANKINS, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

SEAL

Notary Public in and for the State of _____

Approved as to form and substance.



Robert O. Harris, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 16 day of June, 2009

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby accept the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 666048, previously issued to EDWARD ASHLEY HANKINS.



Effective this 17th day of June, 2009.

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