

IN THE MATTER OF
PERMANENT CERTIFICATE
NUMBER 65948
ISSUED TO
LAVADA RUTH TAULTON

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BEFORE THE ELIGIBILITY
AND DISCIPLINARY
COMMITTEE
OF THE TEXAS
BOARD OF NURSING



I do hereby certify this to be a complete, accurate, and true copy of the document which is on file or is of record in the offices of the Texas Board of Nursing.
Patricia A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO: LAVADA RUTH TAULTON
3556 RIO GRANDE CIRCLE
DALLAS, TX 75233

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on February 10, 2009, the Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter "Committee") heard the above-styled case. This case was heard, and based on the failure of the Respondent to file a written response to the Formal Charges as required by 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 213.16.

The Committee of the Texas Board of Nursing finds that notice of the facts or conduct alleged to warrant disciplinary action has been provided to Respondent in accordance with Texas Government Code § 2001.054(c) and Respondent has been given an opportunity to show compliance with all the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, chapter 301 of the Texas Occupations Code, for retention of Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

The Committee finds that the Formal Charges were properly initiated and filed in accordance with section 301.458, Texas Occupations Code.

The Committee finds that after proper and timely notice of the violations alleged in the Formal Charges were given to Respondent in this matter, Respondent has failed to file an answer in accordance with 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 213.16.

The Committee finds that the Board is authorized to enter a default order pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2001.056 and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 213.16.

The Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee, after review and due consideration, adopts the proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law as stated in the Formal Charges which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference for all purposes and the Staff's recommended sanction of revocation by default. This Order will be properly served on all parties and all parties will be given an opportunity to file a motion to set aside the default order (22 TEX. ADMIN.CODE § 213.16(j)). All parties have a right to judicial review of this Order.

All proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law filed by any party not specifically adopted herein are hereby denied.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Permanent Certificate Number 65948, previously issued to LAVADA RUTH TAULTON, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is hereby, REVOKED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Permanent Certificate Number 65948, previously issued to LAVADA RUTH TAULTON, upon receipt of this Order, be immediately delivered to the office of the Texas Board of Nursing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's multi-state privilege, if any, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

Entered this 10th day of February, 2009.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

BY:


KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

Re: Permanent Certificate Number 65948
Issued to LAVADA RUTH TAULTON
DEFAULT ORDER -REVOKE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 18th day of February, 2009, a true and correct copy of the foregoing DEFAULT ORDER was served by placement in the U.S. Mail via certified mail, and addressed to the following person(s):

LAVADA RUTH TAULTON
3556 RIO GRANDE CIRCLE
DALLAS, TX 75233

BY: 
KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

In the Matter of Permanent License § **BEFORE THE TEXAS**
Number 206620, Issued to §
CYNTHIA CRAVEN PRICE, Respondent § **BOARD OF NURSING**

FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, CYNTHIA CRAVEN PRICE, is a Vocational Nurse holding license number 206620, which is in delinquent status at the time of this pleading.

Written notice of the facts and conduct alleged to warrant adverse licensure action was sent to Respondent at Respondent's address of record and Respondent was given opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license prior to commencement of this proceeding.

CHARGE I.

On or about September 29, 2007, Respondent failed to comply with the Order of Conditional Eligibility issued to her on July 31, 2006, by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas. Non-compliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with Stipulation Number One (1) of the Order which states, in pertinent part:

- (1) Respondent shall, within one (1) year of entry of initial licensure, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence....

A copy of the July 31, 2006, Order of Conditional Eligibility, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this pleading.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(1) and (10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(11)(B).

CHARGE II.

On or about September 29, 2007, Respondent failed to comply with the Order of Conditional Eligibility issued to her on July 31, 2006, by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas. Non-compliance is the result of Respondent's failure to comply with Stipulation Number Two (2) of the Order which states, in pertinent part:

- (2) Respondent shall, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in nursing ethics....

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(1) and (10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(11)(B).

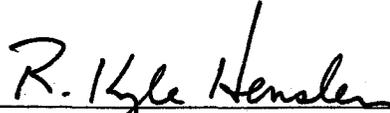
NOTICE IS GIVEN that staff will present evidence in support of the recommended disposition of revocation of Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas pursuant to the Board's rules, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 213.27 - 213.33. Additionally, staff will seek to impose on Respondent the administrative costs of the proceeding pursuant to § 301.461, TEX. OCC. CODE ANN. The cost of proceedings shall include, but is not limited to, the cost paid by the Board to the State Office of Administrative Hearings and the Office of the Attorney General or other Board counsel for legal and investigative services, the cost of a court reporter and witnesses, reproduction of records, board staff time, travel, and expenses. These shall be in an amount of at least one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1200.00).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that all statutes and rules cited in these Charges are incorporated as part of this pleading and can be found at the Board's website, www.bon.state.tx.us.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that Respondent's past disciplinary history, as set out below and described in the Order which is attached and incorporated by reference as part of these charges, will be offered in support of the disposition recommended by staff: Agreed Order dated July 12, 2006.

Filed this 23rd day of December, 2008.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



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Attachments: Agreed Order dated July 12, 2006.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

In the Matter of Vocational Nurse	§	AGREED
license Number 065948	§	
issued to LAVADA RUTH TAULTON	§	ORDER

An investigation by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as the Board, produced evidence indicating that LAVADA RUTH TAULTON, Vocational Nurse License Number 065948, hereinafter referred to as Respondent, may have violated Section 301.452 (b) (10), Texas Occupations Code.

An informal conference was held on May 16, 2006, at the office of the Board of Nurse Examiners, in accordance with Section 301.464, Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent was not present but participated via telephonic conference. Respondent was notified of her right to be represented by legal counsel and elected to waive representation by counsel. In attendance were Mary Beth Thomas, MN, RN, Director of Nursing, Executive Director's Designee; E. Joy Sparks, Assistant General Counsel; Victoria Cox, Assistant General Counsel; Anthony L. Diggs, MSCJ, Director, Enforcement Division; and Chalette R. Dominić, LVN, Investigator.

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, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Dallas Vocational Nursing Program, Dallas, Texas, on September 1, 1975. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on November 23, 1975.

5. Respondent's vocational nursing employment history includes:

December 1975	-	December 1987	Unknown
January 1988	-	May 1993	Staff Nurse Baylor Rehabilitation Institute Dallas, Texas
June 1993	-	January 1994	Staff Nurse Professional Care Center Dallas, Texas
January 1994	-	June 1997	Staff Nurse Holiday Hills Rehab Center Dallas, Texas
July 1997	-	June 1999	Staff Nurse Health South Dallas Rehab Institute Dallas, Texas
July 1999	-	February 2000	Unknown
March 2000	-	September 2004	Staff Nurse Southaven Nursing Center Dallas, Texas
October 2004	-	Present	Unknown

6. At the time of the incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent was employed as a Staff Nurse with Southaven Nursing Center, Dallas, Texas, and had been in this position for four (4) years and six (6) months.
7. On or about September 12, 2004, while employed with Southaven Nursing Center, Dallas, Texas, Respondent verbally abused Resident Medical Record Number 1209, in that Respondent yelled at the resident and threatened to withhold her medications. Respondent proceeded to the resident's room where Respondent continued the verbal abuse by stating, "Let me tell you something right now, don't you ever come to the desk or my cart again for anything...tit, tit, tit, don't even open your mouth, I am sick of you, I'm tired of you, all of us are tired of you about your meds...." Respondent's conduct was abusive and likely to cause psychological injury to the resident.
8. Formal Charges were filed on February 3, 2006.
9. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent at her address of record on February 9, 2006.

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 violation of Section 301.452 (b) (10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 239.11 (27)(F).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452 (b), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 065948, heretofore issued to LAVADA RUTH TAULTON, including revocation of Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Board of Nurse Examiners, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of REMEDIAL EDUCATION, and RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas as amended, 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 privilege, if any, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while Respondent's license is 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 deliver the wallet-sized license issued to LAVADA

RJTH TAULTON to the office of the Board of Nurse Examiners within ten (10) days of the date of ratification of this Order for appropriate notation.

(2) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence. 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, and documentation of care. 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 on the Board's website, www.bne.state.tx.us (under BNE events).*

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in nursing ethics. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. The course shall be a minimum of six (6) contact hours in length. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include Nurses. The course shall include content on the following: principles of nursing ethics; confidentiality; and professional boundaries. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the sponsoring institution to submit a Verification of Course Completion form, provided by the Board, to verify RESPONDENT's successful completion of the course. This course is to be taken in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may have for relicensure. *Board approved courses may be found on the Board's website, www.bne.state.tx.us (under BNE events).*

(4) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in "Detecting and Preventing Abuse and Neglect," a six (6) contact hour workshop presented in various locations by the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services. In order to receive credit for completion of this workshop, RESPONDENT SHALL SUBMIT the certification of completion of this workshop to the Board's office, to the attention of Monitoring. This course is to be taken in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may have for relicensure. *Information regarding this workshop may be found at the following website: www.dads.state.tx.us/business/ltr/Training/jointtraining.cfm or by contacting Lynn.Cooper@dads.state.tx.us.*

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL be issued an unencumbered license and multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice vocational 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 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 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 license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 20 day of June, 2006.

Lavada Ruth Taulton
LAVADA RUTH TAULTON, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of July, 2006.

Tina Sterns

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas



WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 20th day of June, 2006, by LAVADA RUTH TAULTON, Vocational Nurse License Number 065948, and said Order is final.

Effective this 12th day of July, 2006.



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