

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

In the Matter of Vocational Nurse	§	AGREED
License Number 177402	§	
issued to BRENDA KAY COLLINSWORTH	§	ORDER



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.
Katherine A. Thomas
 Executive Director of the Board

On this day the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of BRENDA KAY COLLINSWORTH, Vocational Nurse License Number 177402, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 302.402(a)(10) and 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on June 15, 2007, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director.

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, informal conference, 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 Vernon Regional Junior College, Wichita Falls, Texas, on August 1, 2000. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on September 28, 2000.
5. Respondent's vocational nursing employment history includes:

09/28/00-07/16/02	Unknown	
07/17/02-Present	Licensed Vocational Nurse	North Texas Neurology Association Wichita Falls, Texas

6. At the time of the incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent was employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with North Texas Neurology Associates, Wichita Falls, Texas, and had been employed for less than one (1) month.
7. On or about July 17, 2002 through June 2007, while employed with North Texas Neurology Associates, Wichita Falls, Texas, Respondent accepted assignments in providing patient care without maintaining current competencies in Basic Life Support cardiopulmonary resuscitation, as required by her job description. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure patients from possibly delayed and/or inappropriately performed emergency interventions for patients.
8. In response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states that she had been under the impression that she did not have to maintain current certification in basic life support skills to be in compliance with her job description.

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 Sections 301.452(b)(10)&(13) and 302.402(a)(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§217.11(1)(B), (1)(R)&(1)(T) [effect. 9/28/04], 217.12(1)(B)&(1)(E) [effect. 9/28/04], and 239.11(27)(B).
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 177402, heretofore issued to BRENDA KAY COLLINSWORTH, 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 WITH A FINE, 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 Vocational Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §211.01 *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 BRENDA KAY COLLINSWORTH, 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 and ethics. 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, documentation of care, principles of nursing ethics, confidentiality, professional boundaries, and the Board's Disciplinary Sanction Policies regarding Sexual Misconduct, Fraud, Theft and Deception, Nurses with Chemical Dependency, and Lying and Falsification. 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 at the following Board website address: <http://www.bne.state.tx.us/about/stipscourses.html>.*

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL, within sixty (60) days of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in Basic Cardiopulmonary Life Support for Healthcare Providers. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course and instructor prior to enrollment. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include Nurses. The course shall be a minimum of eight (8) contact hours in length. The course's content shall include: Adult, Infant, and Child 1- and 2-Rescuer CPR; Adult, Infant, and Child Foreign Body Airway Obstruction for both responsive and unresponsive victims; and Adult Automated External Defibrillation. In order to receive credit for completion of this workshop, RESPONDENT SHALL obtain the Verification of Course Completion form from the Board's website, <ftp://www.bne.state.tx.us/i17.pdf>, and SHALL SUBMIT the Verification of Course Completion form to the Board's office, to the attention of Monitoring, after having the form completed and signed by the course instructor. RESPONDENT SHALL also submit a front and back copy of the course completion card along with the Verification of Course Completion form. 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.

(4) RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). RESPONDENT SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of entry of this Order. Payment is to be made directly to the Board of Nurse Examiners in the form of cashier's check or U.S. money order. Partial payments will not be accepted.

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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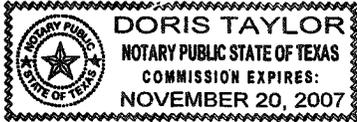
RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

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 27 day of July, 2007.
Brenda Kay Collinsworth
BRENDA KAY COLLINSWORTH, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27 day of July, 2007.

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Doris Taylor
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 13th day of August, 2007, by BRENDA KAY COLLINSWORTH, Vocational Nurse License Number 177402, and said Order is final.

Effective this 13th day of August, 2007.



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