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STATE OF OKLAHOMA

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
2019-113A

Kim Glazier, Executive Director
Oklahoma Board of Nursing
2915 N. Classen Blvd., Ste. 524
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73106

February 27, 2019

Dear Executive Director Glazier:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding action that the Oklahoma Board of Nursing intends to take pursuant to an agreed order in case 3.109.19. In March 2016, the licensee was charged with a misdemeanor. In April 2016, the licensee falsified an RN renewal application by failing to disclose the misdemeanor. Also, between July 1 and July 12, 2018, the licensee worked without an active license. In August 2018, the licensee falsified an application for reinstatement by failing to disclose that she worked with an inactive license the month before. The Board proposes to grant the application, but issue a severe reprimand and require the licensee to complete remedial education courses and pay an administrative penalty of \$500.

The Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act authorizes the Board to impose discipline when a nurse "is guilty of deceit or material misrepresentation in procuring or attempting to procure" a license. 59 O.S.Supp.2018, §§ 567a(A), 567.8(B)(1)(a). "Deceit or material misrepresentation" includes any "false representation of facts in connection with an application for licensure." OAC 485:10-11-1(b)(1)(A). The Board may reasonably believe that the proposed action is necessary to deter future violations.

It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the Oklahoma Board of Nursing has adequate support for the conclusion that this action advances the State's policy to protect public health, safety, and welfare by ensuring that licensure applications are truthful and complete.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA

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