



OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
2019-154A

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

April 1, 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 5.037.19. In 2014, the licensee pled guilty to a misdemeanor. In 2018, the licensee falsified an RN endorsement application by failing to disclose the misdemeanor. The Board proposes to grant the application, but require the licensee to complete a remedial education course and pay an administrative penalty of \$500.

The Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act authorizes "corrective action" 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), 567.8a(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). Further, the rules of the Board define unprofessional conduct to include "falsifying documents submitted to the Board[.]" OAC 485:10-11-1(b)(3)(E). 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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MIKE HUNTER
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA

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