



OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
2019-68A

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

February 26, 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 a consent agreement in case 3.143.19. In 2015, the licensee was charged with a misdemeanor. In June 2016, the licensee falsified an RN renewal application by failing to report the misdemeanor charge. Subsequently in November 2016, the licensee pled guilty to a misdemeanor. The Board proposes issue a severe reprimand and require the licensee to submit to an evaluation and take twice monthly drug screenings until the evaluation is complete. Additionally, the licensee must complete a remedial education course and pay an administrative penalty of \$500.

The Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act authorizes disciplinary action when a nurse “is guilty of deceit or material misrepresentation in procuring or attempting to procure” a license or “[i]s guilty of a felony, or any offense reasonably related to the qualifications, functions or duties of any licensee . . . or any offense an essential element of which is fraud, dishonesty, or an act of violence, or for any offense involving moral turpitude.” 59 O.S.Supp.2018, § 567.8(B)(1)(a), (2). The Board may reasonably believe that the proposed actions are 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 nurses meet minimum standards of professional conduct.

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MIKE HUNTER
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA

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AMANDA OTIS
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