



OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
2020-28A

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

July 31, 2020

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 in case 10.001.21. The applicant falsified an application by failing to disclose two previous criminal charges. The Board offered a settlement order, but the applicant declined. The Board proposes to deny the application.

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. 59 O.S.Supp.2019, §§ 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). 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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