

## Office of Attorney General State of Oklahoma

## ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION 2018-280A

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

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 5.068.18. The respondent, an applicant to take the NCLEX-LPN (licensed practical nurse) exam, was charged with a misdemeanor in 2005 and did not disclose that fact on the NCLEX-LPN application. The Board proposes to grant the application, but require the completion of an education course.

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.2017. § 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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