

BEFORE THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING

Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson #1051
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1230

IN THE MATTER OF

Helen Lewis-Brown
License No. 14-53292-012

Case No. 10-229-0

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SUMMARY ORDER

Now this 24th day of May, 2010, the above matter comes before the Kansas State Board of Nursing (Board) pursuant to authority granted to the Board by K.S.A. 65-1120. The Board hereby proposes to find facts and take disciplinary action against the renewal application of Helen Lewis-Brown (Applicant) by way of Summary Order as provided by K.S.A. 77-537.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Applicant submitted a renewal application to practice nursing in the state of Kansas. The Board has jurisdiction over the Applicant and the subject matter of this action.
2. Applicant's address of record is 822 E 12th, Russell, KS 67665.
3. On or about 2/19/2010, the Board received Applicant's renewal application to practice nursing in the state of Kansas.
4. Review of the Application and other information gathered by the Board revealed the following information upon which this action is based.
5. Applicant answered no to the question about whether he/she has obtained the 30 hours of Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) required for license renewal pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1117(a) and KAR 60-9-106(a).
6. Applicant is not a first time renewal expiring within 30 months following licensure examination or a renewal expiring within 9 months of reinstatement or endorsement, either of which would be an exception to the requirement for CNE.
7. Applicant continued with the process and submitted the renewal application despite the written instructions telling the applicant that the process should not be completed if the 30 hours of CNE was not obtained.
8. Applicant upon request has not submitted proof of the required 30 hours of CNE allegedly obtained between the dates of 5/1/2009 to 4/30/2010, the applicant's prior licensing period, in order to qualify for renewal of the nursing license.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1117(a) and KAR 60-9-106(a) each applicant for renewal of a Kansas nursing license shall submit proof of completion of 30 hours of CNE obtained within the prior licensing period.
2. Pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1120(a), the Kansas State Board of Nursing may deny, revoke, limit or suspend any license, certificate of qualification or authorization to practice nursing as a registered professional nurse, as a licensed practical nurse, as an advanced registered nurse practitioner or as a registered nurse anesthetist that is issued by the board or applied for under this act or may publicly or privately censure a licensee or holder of a certificate of qualification or authorization, if the applicant, licensee or holder of a certificate of qualification or authorization is found to have violated the Nurse Practice Act. The above fact findings establish evidence that the applicant violated the following provisions of the Nurse Practice Act:
 - (a) K.S.A. 65-1120(a)(6), to be guilty of unprofessional conduct as defined by rules and regulations of the Board, KAR 60-3-110(b) assuming duties and responsibilities within the practice of nursing without making or obtaining adequate preparation or maintaining competency.
 - (b) K.S.A 65- 1120(a)(7) wilfully violating any of the provisions of the Kansas Nurse Practice Act and K.S.A. 65-1117(A) and KAR 60-9-106 every licensee with an active nursing license shall submit with the renewal application evidence of satisfactory completion of a program of CNE as required by the Board which is 30 hours of CNE obtained within the prior licensing period.
3. Applicant's conduct described herein violates the Kansas Nurse Practice Act and renders the applicant non-qualified for the renewal license obtained.
4. K.S.A. 77-511(a)(2)(A) of the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act authorizes the use of summary proceedings by a state agency if the use of summary proceedings does not violate any provision of law and the protection of the public interest does not require the state agency to give notice and an opportunity to participate to persons other than the parties.
5. The role of the Kansas State Board of Nursing is to protect citizens of Kansas.

POLICY STATEMENT

1. Continuing Education is a mandate by the state legislature and is intended to build upon the educational and experiential bases of the nurse for the enhancement of practice, education, administration, research or theory development to the end of improving the health of the public.
2. Truthfulness is a hallmark of the nursing profession and is required to ensure accurate communication of all nursing actions.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING THAT

1. **Applicant's renewal application to practice nursing in the state of Kansas is revoked.**

Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-537, this decision, which is called a Summary Order, is subject to your request for a hearing. If you desire a hearing, you must submit or direct a **written** request for hearing to: Kansas State Board of Nursing, Legal Division, 900 SW Jackson, Suite 1051, Topeka, Kansas 66612-1230, (785) 296-4325. **THIS REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS ORDER.** If a hearing is not requested in the time and manner stated, this Summary Order becomes effective as a final order, without further notice, upon the expiration of the time for requesting a hearing.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-531, if the Summary Order is served by mail, three days are added to the time limits set out above.



Jahet Jacobs, LPN
Investigative Committee, Chair
Kansas State Board of Nursing

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on the 24th day of May, 2010, the foregoing copy of the Summary Order was served by depositing the same in the United States Mail, first-class postage prepaid, addressed to the following:

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