

**BEFORE THE OREGON
STATE BOARD OF NURSING**

In the Matter of) **STIPULATED ORDER FOR**
Alexandra Appleton, CNA) **VOLUNTARY SURRENDER**
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Certificate No. 201011915CNA) **Reference No. 16-00220**

The Oregon State Board of Nursing (Board) is the state agency responsible for licensing, regulating and disciplining certain health care providers, including Certified Nursing Assistants. Alexandra Appleton (Certificate Holder) was issued a Certified Nursing Assistant Certificate by the Board on August 13, 2010.

In August 2013, the Board received a renewal application that disclosed prior criminal, substance abuse, and treatment history dating from January 2003 through March 2013.

Certificate Holder completed treatment and was active in Alcoholics Anonymous/Narcotics Anonymous. She also completed parenting and domestic violence classes after being convicted on two DUII charges and one count of Child Neglect in the Second Degree.

On November 20, 2014, the Board placed Certificate Holder on 24 months of probation. Certificate Holder has had trouble acquiring a CNA position as DHS has not cleared her to work in their facilities. From the onset of probation, Certificate Holder has stayed in compliance with probation and excelled scholastically. She has been attending college towards a Bachelor of Arts in Social Science where she holds a 4.0 GPA, and plans to acquire her MSW through a Master's program. Certificate Holder has also been active in community volunteer work.

At this time, Certificate Holder has requested to Voluntarily Surrender her CNA certificate so that she can concentrate on and complete her education in order to support her 3 young children.

By the above actions, CNA is subject to discipline pursuant to ORS 678.442 (2) (a) and (c) and (d) and OAR 851-063-0080 (1) and (3) and (4) which provide as follows:

ORS 678.442 Certification of nursing assistants; rules.

(2) In the manner prescribed in ORS chapter 183, the Board may revoke or suspend a certificate issued under this section or may reprimand a nursing assistant for the following reasons:

(a) Conviction of the certificate holder of a crime where such crime bears demonstrable relationship to the duties of a nursing assistant. A copy of the record of such conviction, certified to by the clerk of the court entering the conviction, shall be conclusive evidence of the conviction.

(c) Impairment as defined in ORS 676.303.

(d) Violation of any provisions of ORS 678.010 to 678.445 or rules adopted thereunder.

OAR 851-063-0080 Causes for Denial, Reprimand, Suspension, Probation or Revocation of CNA Certificate

Under the contested case procedure in ORS 183.310 to 183.550 the Board may deny, reprimand, suspend, place on probation or revoke the certificate to perform duties as a CNA for the following causes:

- (1) Conviction of the nursing assistant of a crime where such crime bears demonstrable relationship to the duties of a nursing assistant; ORS 678.442 (2) (a).
- (3) Use of any controlled substance or intoxicating liquor to an extent or in a manner injurious to the certificate holder or others or to an extent that such use impairs the ability to conduct safely the duties of a nursing assistant; ORS 678.442 (2) (c).
- (4) Violation of any provision of ORS 678.010 to 678.445 or rules adopted thereunder

CNA wishes to cooperate with the Board in this matter and voluntarily surrender her Certified Nursing Assistant certificate.

Therefore, the following will be proposed to the Oregon State Board of Nursing and is agreed to by CNA:

That the voluntary surrender of the Certified Nursing Assistant certificate of Alexandra Appleton be accepted. If, after a minimum of three years, Ms. Appleton wishes to reinstate her Certified Nursing Assistant certificate, she may submit an application to the Board to request reinstatement.

CNA agrees that she will not practice as a Certified Nursing Assistant from the date she signs this Order.

CNA understands that this Order will be submitted to the Board of Nursing for its approval and is subject to the Board's confirmation.

CNA understands that by signing this Stipulated Order, she waives the right to an administrative hearing under ORS 183.310 to 183.540, and to any judicial review or appeal thereof. CNA acknowledges that no promises, representations, duress or coercion have been used to induce her to sign this Order.

CNA understands that this Order is a document of public record.

CNA has read this Stipulated Order, understands this Order completely, and freely signs this Stipulated Order for Voluntary Surrender.

Alexandra Appleton, CNA

Date

ORDER

IT IS SO ORDERED:

BOARD OF NURSING FOR THE STATE OF OREGON

Gary Hickmann, RN
Board President

Date

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