

**BEFORE THE OREGON
STATE BOARD OF NURSING**

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In the Matter of) **FINAL ORDER OF REVOCATION**
Sukanlaya Hughes, NP) **BY DEFAULT**
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License No. 201506461NP-PP,) **Reference No. 16-00620**
201506460RN

The Oregon State Board of Nursing (Board) is the state agency responsible for licensing, regulating and disciplining certain health care providers, including Registered Nurses and Nurse Practitioners. Sukanlaya Hughes (Licensee) was issued a Registered Nurse license and Nurse Practitioner certificate by the Board on September 1, 2015.

This matter was considered by the Board at its meeting on February 17, 2016.

On January 21, 2016, a Notice stating that the Board intended to revoke the Registered Nurse and Nurse Practitioner License of Sukanlaya Hughes was sent to her via certified and first-class mail to her address of record. The Notice alleged that Licensee provided misleading or false information on her endorsement application; failed to disclose pending investigations by another Board of Nursing; misrepresented her license and education credentials to the public; and that her Arizona RN and NP licenses were summarily suspended for alleged misconduct and practice violations.

The Notice granted Licensee an opportunity for hearing if requested within twenty (20) days of the mailing of the Notice. No such request for hearing has been received by the Board. The Notice designated the Board's file on this matter as the record for purposes of default.

NOW THEREFORE, after consideration of its records and files related to this matter, the Board enters the following Order:

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FINDINGS OF FACT

Based on the evidence submitted through the Notice and the agency file in this case, the Board finds the following:

1. Licensee was issued a Registered Nurse license and Nurse Practitioner certificate in the state of Oregon on September 1, 2015.
2. On or about May 26, 2015, Licensee submitted an application for Oregon licensure by endorsement from Arizona. The application asked "Have you ever been investigated for any alleged violation of any state or federal law, rule, or practice standard

regulating a health care profession? Include any pending investigations.” Licensee falsely answered “No.” She admitted she knew there were active investigations by the Arizona Board of Nursing into four complaints against her.

3. Licensee misrepresented her education and license credentials on her practice website and in the curriculum vitae she submitted to obtain nursing employment, by claiming that she earned a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner and Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from Vanderbilt University in 2011. Licensee has never attended Vanderbilt University nor does she hold a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree.
4. Licensee submitted a forged letter of recommendation and documentation of practice hours with her Oregon endorsement application.
5. Licensee’s Registered Nurse license and Nurse Practitioner certificates in Arizona were summarily suspended on November 20, 2015, for alleged misconduct and failure to practice in a manner consistent with their scope and standards.
6. On December 3, 2015, Licensee attended an independent psychological evaluation at the request of the Arizona Board of Nursing. The psychologist concluded that Licensee had an “atypical” test-taking approach which prevented accurate assessment of her psychological functioning and noted that “until there is clarification from [Licensee’s] psychiatrist regarding what appeared to be treatment for a Bipolar Disorder and symptoms of depression, and until such time the [Licensee] undergoes long-term individual therapy to address what appeared to be significant behavioral and/or problematic personality patterns that appeared to include a more ingrained pattern of deceptiveness, it is unclear whether she will be able to function safely as a nurse in the foreseeable future.”
7. On January 21, 2016, Board staff mailed a Notice of Proposed Revocation to Licensee via first-class and certified mail. The Notice granted Licensee twenty (20) days from the date of the mailing of the Notice to request a hearing. The Notice also designated that the agency file would be the record for purposes of default.

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. That the Board has jurisdiction over the Licensee, Sukanlaya Hughes, and over the subject matter of this proceeding.
2. That Licensee’s conduct is in violation of ORS 678.111(1)(c)(f)(h) and OAR 851-045-0070(5)(b), (6)(e) and (7)(b).
3. That Licensee defaulted on the Notice by not requesting a hearing within the allotted twenty (20) days and, as a result, pursuant to ORS 183.417(3), the Board may enter a Final Order by Default.

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ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and the Board being fully advised in the premises, it is hereby:

ORDERED that the Registered Nurse license and Nurse Practitioner certificate of Sukanlaya Hughes is REVOKED.

DATED this ____ day of February, 2016

FOR THE BOARD OF NURSING OF THE STATE OF OREGON

Bonnie Kostelecky, MS, MPA, RN
Board President

TO: SUKANLAYA HUGHES:

You may file a petition for reconsideration or rehearing of this Order. Reconsideration or rehearing may be obtained by filing a petition with the Board of Nursing within (sixty) 60 days from the service of this Order. Your petition shall set forth the specific grounds for reconsideration. Reconsideration or rehearing is pursuant to the provisions in ORS 183.482.

As an alternative to filing a Petition for Reconsideration of this Order, you are entitled to judicial review of this Order. Judicial review may be obtained by filing a petition with the Oregon Court of Appeals for review within sixty (60) days from the date of service of this Order. Judicial review is pursuant to the provisions of ORS 183.482.

If, after a minimum of three (3) years, you wish to reinstate your Registered Nurse and/or Nurse Practitioner License, you may submit an application to the Board to request reinstatement.