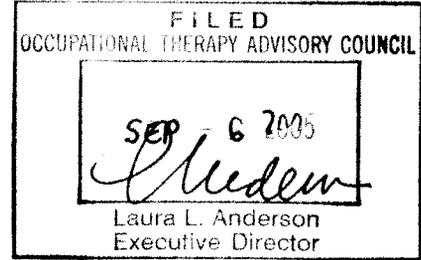


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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ADVISORY
COUNCIL

IN THE MATTER OF :
: Administrative Action
NELSON GONZALEZ :
(Unlicensed) : CONSENT ORDER
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THIS MATTER was opened to the New Jersey Occupational Therapy Advisory Council ("Council") upon the application of Nelson Gonzalez ("respondent") for a license to practice occupational therapy. The Council issued a temporary license to respondent on March 1, 2004. Respondent failed to pass the examination administered by the National Board of Certification in Occupational Therapy ("NBCOT") on March 5, 2004 and failed to seek a renewal of his temporary license following that failure. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:44K4.2 (a)(b), following the failure to pass the NBCOT exam, Mr. Gonzalez as of March 5, 2004 was required to cease and desist practice until the temporary license was renewed. However, Mr. Gonzalez failed to renew his temporary license and continued to practice occupational therapy at UMDNJ- University Hospital in Newark, New Jersey. Respondent subsequently failed the NBCOT examination on several occasions but ultimately passed the examination on June 9, 2005.

In connection with his application for licensure, the Council received information that during the period commencing on or about March 5, 2004 and up to and including September 10, 2004, Mr. Gonzalez engaged in the practice of occupational therapy without a license in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:9-37.59 and N.J.A.C. 13:44K-8.3.

It now appearing that respondent desires to resolve this matter without further proceedings and the Council finding entry of the Consent Order to be in the public interest:

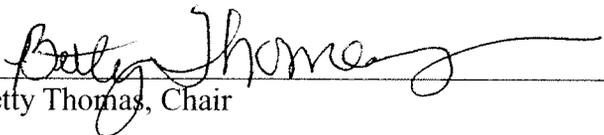
IT IS ON THIS 31st day of August, 2005 **ORDERED** and **AGREED** that:

1. A license to practice occupational therapy in the State of New Jersey as a licensed occupational therapist shall be issued to respondent upon acknowledgement of his unlicensed practice and compliance with this order.

2. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$250.00 for practicing occupational therapy without a license. The penalty shall be paid immediately by either certified check or money order made payable to the "State of New Jersey" and submitted to Laura L. Anderson, Executive Director, Occupational Therapy Advisory Council, 124 Halsey Street, 6th Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ADVISORY COUNCIL

BY:


Betty Thomas, Chair

I have read and I understand
this Consent Order and agree to be
bound by its terms. I consent to the
entry of this Order.


NELSON GONZALEZ