



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF : Administrative Action  
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JENNIFER LYNN ROMALIN, A.P.N. R.N. : FINAL ORDER  
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APN # 26NJ00345000 : WITHDRAWING  
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RN # 26NR11625600 : PROVISIONAL  
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TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE : ORDER OF  
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY : DISCIPLINE  
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and upon which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Jennifer Lynn Romalin ("Respondent") is an Advanced Practice Nurse and a Registered Professional Nurse in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.

2. On or about May 22, 2014, Respondent completed and submitted an online biennial renewal application which asked whether Respondent would have "completed the required continuing education credits by May 31, 2014," referring to the biennial renewal period of June 1, 2012 - May 31, 2014. Respondent

answered "yes" and certified that answer by submitting the online application.

3. By letter dated April 14, 2015, the Board requested Respondent to provide documentation of continuing education that she had completed during her last biennial period of June 1, 2012 - May 31, 2014.

4. Respondent provided documentation of completing the following continuing education:

11 hours within the 6/1/10-5/31/12 biennial period; and

14 hours within the 6/1/12-5/31/14 biennial period.

Respondent also provided a list of an additional 2.25 hours, but the list did not contain sufficient information (the dates that the courses were completed) to constitute proof of completion.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3(b), nurses are required to complete a minimum of thirty (30) hours of continuing education during the preceding biennial period in order to renew their licenses. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3(f), nurses are required to maintain documentation of completion of continuing education for a period of four years after completion, and shall submit such documentation to the Board upon request.

Respondent failed to demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Board, that Respondent completed the continuing education

credits required for renewal during the biennial periods of June 1, 2012 to May 31, 2014. The Board therefore finds Respondent in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3(b) and 13:37-5.3(f), which in turn subjects Respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and (h).

Respondent's use of dishonesty and misrepresentation during the license renewal process in falsifying her continuing education information constitutes a violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b), subjecting Respondent to sanctions.

#### DISCUSSION

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline seeking a suspension, reprimand, and a two hundred and fifty dollar (\$250) civil penalty was entered on December 29, 2015. Copies were served upon Respondent via regular and certified mail. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the thirtieth day following entry unless Respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated findings of fact and conclusions of law by setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting Respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefore.

Respondent replied to the Provisional Order of Discipline and provided acceptable documentation of timely completion of all required continuing education in the June 1, 2008 - May 31, 2010, June 1, 2010 - May 31, 2012, June 1, 2012 - May 31, 2014, and June 1, 2014 - May 31, 2016 biennial renewal periods.

The Board reviewed Respondent's submissions and determined that further proceedings were not necessary. Respondent demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the Board, that she had completed sufficient continuing education, including the one hour course on Organ and Tissue Donation.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016,  
ORDERED that:

1. The Provisional Order of Discipline filed on December 29, 2015, is hereby withdrawn in its entirety.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By: Patricia Murphy  
Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN  
Board President