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# **CITATION ORDER**

# Citation Issued To:

California Northstate University, LLC (formally known as California Northstate College of Pharmacy) 9700 West Taron Drive Elk Grove, CA, 95757

Institution Code:

41462826

Citation Number: 25260024

Total Fine Amount:

\$11,507.00

Order of Abatement

Included: Yes

Elizabeth Elias issues this citation in her official capacity as Deputy Bureau Chief of Enforcement at the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, California Department of Consumer Affairs (hereinafter referred to as the "Bureau").

#### LICENSING HISTORY

1. On or about August 9, 2028, the Bureau renewed an Approval to Operate an Accredited Private Postsecondary Institution, Institution Code 41462826, to California Northstate University, LLC (formally known as California Northstate College of Pharmacy) hereinafter referred to as the "Institution." This Approval to Operate will expire on or about June 30, 2026, unless renewed.

#### DISCIPLINE HISTORY

- 2. The Institution has the following discipline history:
  - Modified Citation No. 1920015, issued October 26, 2020
    - o Evidence of compliance; citation satisfied November 5, 2020
  - Citation No. 23240309, issued June 26, 2024
    - o Evidence of compliance; citation satisfied August 2, 2024
  - Affirmed Settlement of Citation 24250085: Assessment of Fine and Order of Abatement, 10/2/2025
    - o Evidence of compliance; citation satisfied November 12, 2025

#### CITATION JURISDICTION

3. This administrative citation is issued to the Institution pursuant to California Education Code (CEC) section 94936; and Title 5 of the California Code of Page 1 of 10

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Regulations (5 CCR) section 75020 et seq. for the violation(s) described below.

# CAUSE FOR CITATION & ASSESSMENT OF FINE AND/OR ORDER OF ABATEMENT

4. The Institution is in violation of the following Bureau laws and regulations:

#### Violation #1:

5 CCR section 74140- Retention of Advertising and 5 CCR section 71930(a) and (e) – Maintenance of Records

Cause for Citation: On or about October 15, 2024, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff requested to review current and past advertising materials including advertising materials from the preceding five years as required under 5 CCR section 74140. The Institution was unable to produce any advertising records in response to the Bureau's request.

**Administrative Fine:** Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a "Class C" violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$1,000.00.

**Order of Abatement:** Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75020, the Bureau issues the following order of abatement:

The Bureau orders the Institution to submit a statement of attestation they will maintain advertisement pursuant to 5 CCR section 74140 and 71930. The statement of attestation must be signed and dated by an authorized representative of the Institution.

# Violation #2:

5 CCR section 71920(b)(1)(A) - Student Records and 5 CCR section 71930(e) – Maintenance of Records

**Cause for Citation:** On or about October 15, 2024, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff reviewed nine student files and found that six of the nine student files reviewed lacked verification of high school completion or equivalency or

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other documentation establishing the student's ability to do college level work and was unable to produce the requested documents for immediate inspection by the conclusion of the inspection.

**Administrative Fine:** Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a "Class B" violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$1,001.00.

**Order of Abatement:** Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75020, the Bureau issues the following order of abatement:

The Bureau orders the Institution to submit a statement of attestation that they will maintain required student records pursuant to 5 CCR sections 71920 and 71930. The statement of attestation must be signed and dated by an authorized representative of the Institution.

#### Violation #3:

5 CCR section 71920(b)(4) and (b)(10)- Student Records and 5 CCR section 71930(e) – Maintenance of Records

Cause for Citation: On or about October 15, 2024, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff reviewed nine student files and found that one withdrawn student file reviewed failed to include a refund document consistent with 5 CCR section 71920(b) (10) and documentation of the student's cancellation consistent with 5 CCR section 71920(b) (4).

**Administrative Fine:** Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a "Class B" violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$1,001.00.

**Order of Abatement:** Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75020, the Bureau issues the following order of abatement:

The Bureau orders the Institution to submit a statement of attestation that they will maintain required student records pursuant to 5 CCR sections 71920 and 71930. The statement of attestation must be signed and dated by an authorized representative of the Institution.

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## Violation #4:

5 CCR section 74112(m)(1-6) and (m)(8-9) - Uniform Data and 5 CCR section 71930(e) – Maintenance of Records

**Cause for Citation:** On or about October 15, 2024, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff requested supporting documentation for information reported on the Institution's 2021/2022 School Performance Fact Sheet (SPFS). Upon review of the SPFS documentation, Bureau staff found that the Institution failed to collect and/or maintain some of the required data pursuant to 5 CCR section 74112(m), specifically subsections (m)(1-6) and (m)(8-9).

**Administrative Fine:** Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a "Class A" violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$2,501.00.

**Order of Abatement:** Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75020, the Bureau issues the following order of abatement:

The Bureau orders the Institution to correct the violation by providing an electronic copy of the template used by the Institution to document supporting data for SPFS, for the Bureau to verify the Institution is collecting the required data points pursuant to 5 CCR section 74112.

In addition, the Institution must submit a statement of attestation they have corrected the violation and will ensure that the supporting data for SPFS is maintained and immediately available during an inspection. The statement of attestation must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

# Violation #5:

CEC section 94910(a-e) Minimum Requirements for School Performance Fact Sheet

**Cause for Citation:** On or about October 15, 2024, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff reviewed nine student files and found that seven of the student

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files reviewed contained a 2021/2022 School Performance Fact Sheet (SPFS) that is missing some of the required tables, specifically the On Time Completion Rate table, Job Placement Rate table including the Gainfully Employed Categories, the License Examination Passage Rate table and the Salary and Wage information table. Additionally, missing after each table is the required disclosure and space for the student to initial and date.

**Administrative Fine:** Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a "Class A" violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$2,501.00.

**Order of Abatement:** Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75020, the Bureau issues the following order of abatement:

The Bureau orders the Institution to correct the violation by providing a statement of attestation that they have corrected the violation and will ensure that the required data for SPFS is maintained pursuant to CEC section 94910 and provided to students. The statement of attestation must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

#### Violation #6:

5 CCR section 74112(d)(3)(A)(i) – Uniform Data – Annual Report, Performance Fact Sheet and CEC section 94910(f)(2) – Minimum Requirements for School Performance Fact Sheet

Cause for Citation: On or about October 15, 2024, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff reviewed the Institutions 2024/2025 school catalog and found that the school catalog did not contain or identify the United States Department of Labor's Standard Occupational Classification codes, using the Detailed Occupation (six-digit) level, for which the institution has identified in its catalog.

**Administrative Fine:** Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a "Class D" violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$500.00.

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**Order of Abatement:** Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75020, the Bureau issues the following order of abatement:

The Bureau orders the Institution to correct the violation by providing a statement of attestation that they have corrected the violation and will ensure that the required data for SPFS is maintained pursuant to CEC section 94910 and 5 CCR section 74112 and provided to students. The statement of attestation must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

#### Violation #7:

# CEC section 94902(a) – General Enrollment Requirements and 5 CCR section 71920(b)(3) – Student Records

Cause for Citation: On or about October 15, 2024, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff reviewed nine student files and found that two of the current student files reviewed contained an enrollment agreement that was not fully executed. The enrollment agreement did not contain a signature of an authorized employee of the Institution, a general enrollment requirement.

**Administrative Fine:** Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a "Class B" violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$1,001.00.

**Order of Abatement:** Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75020, the Bureau issues the following order of abatement:

The Bureau orders the Institution to ensure all student records follow the law pursuant to CEC section 94902 and 5 CCR section 71920. The Institution must submit a statement of attestation that they have corrected the violation and will ensure that the enrollment agreements are signed by an authorized employee of the institution. The statement of attestation must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

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## Violation #8:

CEC section 94910 Minimum Requirements for School Performance Fact Sheet, CEC section 94902(b)(3) – General Enrollment Requirements and CEC section 94912 – Signature, Initials Required

Cause for Citation: On or about October 15, 2024, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff reviewed nine student files and found that one of the graduate student file reviewed contained an incomplete School Performance Fact Sheet (SPFS). The SPFS was missing six out of eight pages, and did not include the required page containing the student and school official's signature.

**Administrative Fine:** Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a "Class B" violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$1,001.00.

**Order of Abatement:** Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75020, the Bureau issues the following order of abatement:

The Bureau orders the Institution to ensure all student records follow the law pursuant to CEC sections 94910 and 94912. The Institution must submit a statement of attestation that they have corrected the violation and will ensure that all student records contain signed and dated (SPFS) prior to the execution of the enrollment agreement. The statement of attestation must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

# Violation #9:

CEC section 94902(b)(3) – General Enrollment Requirements and CEC section 94912 – Signature, Initials Required

**Cause for Citation:** On or about October 15, 2024, the Bureau conducted an unannounced compliance inspection pursuant to CEC section 94932.5(a). Bureau staff reviewed nine student files and found that two of the current student files reviewed contained a School Performance Fact Sheet (SPFS) that was not signed by the school official.

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**Administrative Fine:** Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75030, the Bureau has determined this to be a "Class B" violation. The Institution is issued a fine of \$1,001.00.

**Order of Abatement:** Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75020, the Bureau issues the following order of abatement:

The Bureau orders the Institution to ensure all student records follow the law pursuant to CEC sections 94902 and 94912. The Institution must submit a statement of attestation that they have corrected the violation and will ensure that all student records contain signed and dated (SPFS) prior to the execution of the enrollment agreement. The statement of attestation must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

# **COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER OF ABATEMENT**

- 5. In accordance with the provisions of CEC section 94936 and 5 CCR section 75020, the Bureau issues the order(s) of abatement described above. Evidence of compliance with the order of abatement must be submitted to the Bureau within 30 days from the date of issuance of this citation. Evidence of compliance with the order of abatement may be sent by mail or email to:
  - Mail: Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education Attn: Discipline Unit – Aurzella Izmarai-Karimi 1747 North Market, Blvd., Suite 225 Sacramento, CA 95834
  - Email: bppe.discipline@dca.ca.gov
    - In the subject line, please include the Institution name and citation number.

#### **COMPLIANCE WITH ASSESSMENT OF FINE**

6. In accordance with the provisions of CEC section 94936, and 5 CCR sections 75020 and 75030, the Bureau hereby orders this assessment of fines in the total amount of \$11,507.00 or the violations described above. Payment of the fines must be made to the Bureau within 30 days from the date of service of this citation unless an informal conference or hearing is requested. To assist the Bureau in processing the payment of fines, please submit the enclosed Payment of Fine – Waiver of Appeal form.

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Payment must be sent to the Bureau by mail at:

 Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education Attn: Discipline Unit – Aurzella Izmarai-Karimi 1747 North Market, Blvd., Suite 225 Sacramento, CA 95834

#### NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS

7. You have the right to contest this citation through an informal conference with the Bureau pursuant to 5 CCR section 75020 and/or through an administrative hearing in accordance with Chapter 5 (Commencing with section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

If you wish to contest this citation, the Bureau must receive a written request within 30 days from the date of issuance of this citation asking for an informal conference and/or administrative hearing or you may also submit the enclosed Notice of Appeal of Citation – Request for Informal Conference and/or Administrative Hearing form.

The written request may be sent by email or mail to the addresses below:

- Mail: Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education Attn: Discipline Unit – Aurzella Izmarai-Karimi 1747 North Market, Blvd., Suite 225 Sacramento, CA 95834
- Email: <u>bppe.discipline@dca.ca.gov</u>
  - In the subject line, please include the Institution name and citation number.

Failure to submit a written request for an informal conference and/or administrative hearing within 30 days from the date of issuance of this citation will forfeit your ability to appeal the citation.

If a hearing is requested, you are not required to comply with this citation until a final order is entered against you.

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## COMPLIANCE WITH FINE AND/OR ORDER OR ABATEMENT DISCLOSURE

8. Pursuant to BPC section 125.9 and 5 CCR section 75050, payment of fine and/or compliance with any order of abatement does not constitute an admission of the violation charged and shall be represented as satisfactory resolution of the matter for the purposes of public disclosure.

Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75050, failure to comply with this citation order, its order of abatement, and/or administrative fine by the required due date is grounds for denial or discipline of an approval to operate. Where a citation is not contested and fine is not paid, the full amount of the assessed fine shall be added to the fee for renewal of the approval to operate. An approval to operate shall not be renewed without payment of the renewal fee and fine.

#### **BUREAU CONTACT INFORMATION**

9. If you have any questions regarding this Citation, please contact Aurzella Izmarai-Karimi, Citation Analyst by email at <a href="mailto:Aurzella.Izmarai@dca.ca.gov">Aurzella.Izmarai@dca.ca.gov</a> or by phone at (916) 574-7344.

"Original Signature on File"	11/24/2025
Elizabeth Elias	Citation Date of Issuance
Deputy Bureau Chief of Enforcement	

#### Enclosures:

- Notice of Appeal of Citation: Request for Informal Conference and/or Administrative Hearing
- ➤ Payment of Fine Waiver of Appeal
- Declaration of Service by Certified and First-Class Mail