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AFFIRMED 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 **Citation Number:** 24250085

Total Fine Amount: \$5,000.00

Order of Abatement Included: Yes

Institution Code: 41462826

Elizabeth Elias issues this affirmed 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, 2018, 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
 Evidence of compliance; citation satisfied November 4, 2020
 - <u>Citation No. 23240309, issued June 26, 2024</u>
 - Evidence of compliance; citation satisfied August 1, 2024

CITATION JURISDICTION

3. This administrative citation is issued to the Institution pursuant to the statutory provisions of California Education Code (CEC) section 94936;

and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations (5 CCR) section 75020 et seq. for the violation(s) described below.

CITATION HISTORY

4. On or about October 10, 2024, the Bureau issued Citation No. 24250085. On or about November 4, 2024, the Bureau received an appeal with a request for an informal conference. The informal conference was held on November 27, 2024. No new substantive facts were presented during the informal conference; therefore, the Bureau affirms Citation No. 24250085.

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

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

Violation #1:

CEC section 94934.5 – Notice of Investigation of Institution

Cause for Citation: On August 17, 2022, the Bureau initiated an investigation based on a complaint received. During the course of the investigation, it was determined that on March 1, 2022, the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME), an oversight agency for the Institution, placed the Institution's provisional accreditation on probation status. Pursuant to CEC 94934.5, Institutions are required to report any judgements from an oversight agency to the Bureau within 30 days of the judgement.

A Bureau investigation determined that the Institution failed to notify the Bureau of the LCME's judgement, within 30 days, pursuant to CEC 94934.5.

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 \$5,000.00.

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

The Institution shall submit a statement of attestation stating they will notify the Bureau of any future investigation that subjects the Institution to a judgment by an oversight entity other than the Bureau, and the nature of that investigation within 30 days in accordance with CEC section 94934.5. The statement of attestation must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER OF ABATEMENT

- 6. In accordance with the provisions of CEC section 94936 and 5 CCR sections 75020 and 75040, 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 <u>30 days</u> from the date of issuance of this affirmed citation. Evidence of compliance with the order of abatement may 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: <u>bppe.discipline@dca.ca.gov</u>
 - In the subject line, please include the Institution name and citation number.

COMPLIANCE WITH ASSESSMENT OF FINE

7. In accordance with the provisions of CEC section 94936, and 5 CCR section 75020 et seq., the Bureau hereby orders this assessment of fines in the total amount of \$5,000.00 for the violations described above. Payment of the fines must be made to the Bureau within <u>30 days</u> from the date of issuance of this affirmed citation. To assist the Bureau in processing the payment of fines, please submit the enclosed Payment of Fine – Waiver of Appeal form.

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

8. Pursuant to 5 CCR section 75040(d), the affirmed decision is considered final, unless a request for a hearing was filed timely.

If the Institution requested a hearing and no longer chooses to proceed with the hearing, the Institution may request to withdraw the request for a hearing. If the Institution has not requested to withdraw the hearing, a hearing will be set to hear the matter.

COMPLIANCE WITH FINE AND/OR ORDER OR ABATEMENT DISCLOSURE

9. Pursuant to 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. The Bureau may also enforce the administrative fine as if it were a money judgment pursuant to CEC section 94936.

BUREAU CONTACT INFORMATION

10. If you have any questions regarding this Citation, please contact Aurzella Izmarai-Karimi, Citation Analyst by email at <u>Aurzella.Izmarai@dca.ca.gov</u> or by phone at (916) 574-7344.

Citation Number: 24250085 Institution: California Northstate University, LLC Institution Code: 41462826

<u>"Original Signature on File"</u> Elizabeth Elias Deputy Bureau Chief of Enforcement <u>12/2/2024</u> Citation Date of Issuance

Enclosures:

- ➢ Payment of Fine
- > Withdrawal of Request for Administration Hearing
- > Declaration of Service by Certified and First-Class Mail