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# **CITATION ORDER**

<b>Citation Issued To:</b> Nursing Practice and Education Consultants dba Curam College of Nursing 6520 44th Street #312 Sacramento, CA 95823	Citation Number: 2223029
	Total Fine Amount: \$15,500.00
	Order of Abatement Included: Yes
Institution Code: 41462859	

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

# LICENSING HISTORY

1. On or about May 21, 2021, the Bureau renewed an Approval to Operate a Private Postsecondary Institution to Nursing Practice and Education Consultants dba Curam College of Nursing (hereinafter referred to as the "Institution"). This Approval to Operate will expire on or about May 21 2026, unless renewed.

# **DISCIPLINE HISTORY**

- 2. The Institution has the following discipline history:
  - Modified Citation No. 2122145, issued October 10, 2022

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

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

4. 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 May 20, 2022, the Board of Vocational Nursing & Psychiatric Technicians (BVNPT) rendered the decision to revoke the approval to provide Licensed Vocational Nursing (LVN) program for the Institution. The Institution failed to notify the Bureau within 30 days of BVNPT's regulatory actions regarding the LVN program.

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 must submit a statement of attestation they will notify the Bureau of any future notice of investigation of the institution as required by CEC section 94934.5. The statement of attestation must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

#### Violation #2:

#### CEC section 94897 (j)(3) - Prohibited Business Practices

**Cause for Citation:** On July 25, 2022, during an interview with a Bureau investigator, the Owner of the Institution stated that the LVN program was removed from the Institution's website. On July 26, 2022, a Bureau investigator reviewed the Institution's website and did not find the LVN program listed as an offered course; however, the Institution's catalog available to download from the website, still contained language stating that the Institution offers an LVN approved program.

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 remove the LVN program from the Institution's catalog. The Institution must submit a statement of attestation they have updated the catalog to be in compliance with CEC section 94897 (j) (3). The statement of attestation must be dated and signed by an authorized representative of the Institution.

#### Violation #3:

# 5 CCR section 74110 – Annual Report in conjunction with CEC section 94934 – Annual Report

**Cause for Citation:** A review of the Bureau's records confirm the Institution failed to submit all components of the 2020 Annual Report which was due to the Bureau by December 1, 2021. A reminder notice was sent to the Institution on or about the following dates: June 23, 2021 and August 10, 2021.

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 Bureau orders the Institution to submit the 2020 Annual Report pursuant to 5 CCR section 74110 and CEC section 94934.

#### Violation #4:

# 5 CCR section 74110 – Annual Report in conjunction with CEC section 94934 – Annual Report

**Cause for Citation:** A review of the Bureau's records confirm the Institution failed to submit all components of the 2021 Annual Report which was due to the Bureau by December 1, 2022. A reminder notice was sent to the Institution on or about the following dates: June 28, 2022 and July 14, 2022 and July 26, 2022.

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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 Bureau orders the Institution to submit the 2021 Annual Report pursuant to 5 CCR section 74110 and CEC section 94934.

# 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 <u>30 days</u> from the date of issuance of this 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 – Tessa Barron 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

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 \$15,500.00 for the violations described above. Payment of the fines must be made to the Bureau within <u>30 days</u> from the date of 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.

Payment must be sent to the Bureau by mail at:

 Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education Attn: Discipline Unit – Tessa Barron 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, you may submit a written request to the Bureau or submit the enclosed Notice of Appeal of Citation – Request for Informal Conference and/or Administrative Hearing form within <u>30 days</u> from the date of issuance of this citation.

Failure to submit a written request for an informal conference and/or administrative hearing within <u>30 days</u> 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.

# COMPLIANCE WITH FINE AND/OR ORDER OR ABATEMENT DISCLOSURE

8. Pursuant to BPC section 125.9 and 5 CCR 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 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 Tessa Barron, Citation Analyst by email at <u>Tessa.Barron@dca.ca.gov</u> or by phone at (916) 574-7791. Citation Number: 2223029 Institution: Nursing Practice and Education Consultants DBA Curam College of Nursing Institution Code: 41462859

"Original Signature on File"

5/10/2023

Elizabeth Elias Enforcement Chief Citation Date of Issuance

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