

BEFORE THE ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF CARRINGTON
COLLEGE REGISTERED
NURSING PROGRAM APPROVAL NO.
US96401100 ISSUED TO:

CARRINGTON COLLEGE
2701 W. BETHANY HOME RD
PHOENIX, AZ 85017
RESPONDENT

DECREE OF CENSURE

**CONSENT AGREEMENT
AND ORDER NO. 190104US96401100**

The Arizona State Board of Nursing (“Board”) received allegations that Carrington College (“Respondent”) violated the Nurse Practice Act. In the interest of a prompt and speedy settlement of the above-captioned matter, consistent with the public interest, statutory requirements and the responsibilities of the Board, and pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1092.07 (F)(5), the undersigned parties enter into this Consent Agreement as a final disposition of this matter.

Based on the evidence before it, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent holds Board issued registered nursing program approval US96401100.
2. The Board received Respondent’s NCLEX scores for 2017 and 2018, and based upon the score results, the Board conducted an investigation.
3. Respondent’s NCLEX scores for First-Time Pass Rate for 2018 was 77.94 % and first time pass rate was 78% for 2017. These rates are below the required 80% pass rate, and reflect a violation of Arizona Administrative Code R4-19-206 (G).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 32-1606, 32-1663 and 32-1664, the Board has subject matter and personal jurisdiction in this matter.

The conduct and circumstances described in the Findings of Fact constitute violations of A.R.S. § 32-1663 (D) as defined in and currently cited as § 32-1601 (26) (d) and (j) (effective August 9, 2017), and A.A.C. R4-19-206 (G).

26. "Unprofessional conduct" includes the following, whether occurring in this state or elsewhere:

(d) Any conduct or practice that is or might be harmful or dangerous to the health of a patient or the public.

(j) Violating this chapter or a rule that is adopted by the board pursuant to this chapter.

R4-19-206 (G). A nursing program shall maintain at least an 80% NCLEX-RN passing rate for graduates taking the NCLEX-RN for the first time within 12 months of graduation. The Board shall issue a notice of deficiency to any program that has a NCLEX-RN passing rate of less than 80% for two consecutive calendar years or less than 75% for one calendar year.

The conduct and circumstances described in the Findings of Fact constitute sufficient cause pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1664(O) to revoke, suspend or take other disciplinary action against Respondent's program approval to conduct a registered nursing program in the State of Arizona.

However, in lieu of a hearing, Respondent agrees to issuance of the following Order and waives all rights to a hearing, rehearing, appeal or judicial review relating to this matter. Respondent further waives any and all claims or causes of action, whether known or unknown, that Respondent may have against the State of Arizona, the Board, its members, offices, employees and/or agents arising out of this matter.

Respondent admits to the Board's Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

Respondent understands that the admissions in the Findings of Fact are conclusive evidence of a violation of the Nurse Practice Act and may be used for purposes of determining sanctions in any future disciplinary matter.

Respondent understands the right to consult legal counsel prior to entering into this Consent Agreement and such consultation has been either obtained or is waived.

ORDER

In view of the above the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and the consent of Respondent, the Board hereby issues the following Order:

- A. Respondent's consent to the terms and conditions of this Order and waiver of hearing is accepted.
- B. It is ordered that a DECREE OF CENSURE be entered against program approval no. US96401100, held by Respondent.

Board Date: 5/17/2019



ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF NURSING

Joey Ridenour R.N. M.N. F.A.A.N.

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Executive Director

Acceptance Date: 6/3/2019

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