

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE MARYLAND
OLABIMPE FAYEMI OLADAPO	*	BOARD OF NURSING
LICENSE NO.: R245540	*	OAG CASE NO. 23-BP-023
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**ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF REGISTERED NURSE LICENSE
PURSUANT TO SECTION 10-226(c)(2) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE
ACT**

The Maryland Board of Nursing (the “Board”) hereby orders the **SUMMARY SUSPENSION** of the license of **OLABIMPE FAYEMI OLADAPO** (the “Respondent”), License Number **R245540**, to practice as a **REGISTERED NURSE** in the State of Maryland. The Board takes this action pursuant to the authority of Maryland Code Ann., State Government Article (“SG”) § 10-226(c)(2) (2021 Repl. Vol.), which provides:

- (2) A unit may order summarily the suspension of a license if the unit:
 - (i) finds that the public, health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action; and
 - (ii) promptly give the licensee:
 - 1. Written notice of the suspension, the finding and the reasons that support the finding; and
 - 2. An opportunity to be heard.

The Board has reason, as set forth below, to find that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action (“SG”) § 10-226(c) (2).

**INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS AND REASONS IN SUPPORT
OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

Based on investigatory information obtained by, received by, and made known to and available to the Board, the Board has reason to believe that the following facts are true:¹

- 1. On or about October 1, 2020, the Respondent was issued a license to practice as a registered

¹The allegations set forth in this document are intended to provide the Respondent with notice of the Board’s action. They are not intended as, and do not necessarily represent a complete description of the evidence, either documentary or testimonial, to be offered against the Respondent in connection with this action.

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nurse (“RN”) in the State of Maryland, license number R245540. The Respondent’s RN license is currently active and is scheduled to expire on May 28, 2024. The Compact² status of the Respondent’s Maryland RN license is “Multistate.”

BACKGROUND

Maryland RN Application

2. On or about April 30, 2018, the Respondent submitted to the Board an online Maryland Application for Exam of RN License (“RN Application”).

3. On her RN Application, the Respondent indicated that she graduated from Med-Life Institute - West Palm Beach, Florida (“Med-Life”) on December 1, 2017 and received an Associate’s Degree.

4. On her RN Application, the Respondent affirmed and agreed to the following statement: “I affirm that the contents of this document are accurate to the best of my knowledge.” The Respondent was advised that “providing false or misleading information may result in disciplinary action by the Board, and may result in denial of licensure.”

NCLEX-RN Documentation

5. The Respondent’s NURSYS NCLEX-RN³ registration documentation indicates that the Respondent graduated in December 2017 from Palm Beach School of Nursing in West Palm Beach, Florida (“Palm Beach School of Nursing”).

² The Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) is an agreement between Boards of Nursing of party states that allows nurses to have one Multistate nursing license with the ability to practice nursing in both their home state and other party states. In accordance with the Nurse Licensure Compact, Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 8-7A-01.3(h) and § 8-7A-01.3(m) respectively, “Home state” means the party state that is the nurse’s primary state of residence and, “Party state” means any state that has adopted this Compact.

³ NCLEX-RN is an acronym for the National Council Licensure Examination for registered nursing.

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6. According to the NCSBN NCLEX Administration and Pearson Vue, the Respondent sat for the NCLEX-RN examination seven (7) times; [redacted] on May 28, 2020.

Appt	Result	Member Board
08-21-2018	[redacted]	Maryland Board of Nursing
11-10-2018		Maryland Board of Nursing
03-09-2019		Maryland Board of Nursing
05-01-2019		Maryland Board of Nursing
11-14-2019		Maryland Board of Nursing
02-08-2020		Maryland Board of Nursing
05-28-2020		Maryland Board of Nursing

**United States District Court for the District of Maryland
Criminal Complaint**

7. On or about July 8, 2021, in the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, Case No. 21-mj-2014-TJS, Johanah Napolean was indicted on charges of (1) Conspiracy to Commit Health Care Fraud; (2) Conspiracy to Commit False Statements Relating to Health Care Matters; and, (3) False Statements Relating to Health Care Matters. According to the *Affidavit in Support of Criminal Complaints and Arrest Warrants*, Johanah Napolean conspired with two other individuals and submitted false statements relating to health care matters by working together to sell fraudulent transcripts and diplomas that indicate that various individuals completed necessary courses and clinical hours to obtain nursing degrees and coached these unqualified individuals to pass the nursing board exam. Subsequently, these unqualified individuals obtained employment at various healthcare providers in the District of Maryland.

**United States District Court Southern District of Florida
Criminal Information**

8. On or about June 2, 2022, in the United States District Court Southern District of Florida, Case Number 22-60118, Johanah Napolean was charged with Conspiracy to Commit Mail Fraud

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and Wire Fraud. According to the *Criminal Information* (“Florida Charges”), Johanah Napoleon conspired with two other individuals to unlawfully enrich themselves by selling false and fraudulent transcripts and diplomas that indicated that various individuals completed necessary courses and clinical hours to obtain nursing degrees and mailed and/or caused others to mail fake diplomas, fraudulent transcripts, and other false documents to state licensing agencies on behalf of the purchasers. Using the false and fraudulent diplomas and transcripts, Johanah Napoleon and her co-conspirators assisted the purchases of the false and fraudulent documents to obtain fraudulent nursing licenses from state licensing agencies, and ultimately employment in the healthcare field.

Affidavit of Johanah Napoleon

9. In an affidavit notarized and signed on June 7, 2022, Johanah Napoleon declared under penalty of perjury that the following “is true and correct to the best of [her] knowledge”:

I owned and operated the following schools:

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Med-Life Institute WPB LLC (“Med-Life”) from September 28, 2015 until it was dissolved on September 23, 2016. Med-Life was located at... West Palm Beach, FL... Med-Life continued to issue diplomas and transcripts after its dissolution. Med-Life was licensed by the Florida Commission for Independent Education and the Florida Board of Nursing and was authorized to offer a Nursing-Associate in Science Degree. The objective of the program was to “prepare the student to meet the requirements of the Florida Department of Health and the Florida Board of Nursing for Registered Nurse Education and meet eligibility for licensing exam (NCLEX-RN) in order to work as a Registered Nurse in a variety of settings in a safe and effective manner.” Med-Life was authorized to provide instruction on campus to individuals seeking a [*sic*] Associate in Science Degree. This program required students to complete 1,665 hours of instruction, which included 720 hours of clinical experience in a health care setting.

Palm Beach School of Nursing LLC (“Palm Beach School of Nursing”) from its incorporation on or about April 11, 2016 to present. Palm Beach School of Nursing was initially located at... West Palm Beach, FL... and then moved to... Lake Worth,

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FL...Palm Beach School of Nursing was licensed by Florida Commission for Independent Education and the Florida Board of Nursing and was authorized to offer a Nursing-Associate in Science Degree. The objective of the program was to “prepare the student to meet the requirements of the Florida Department of Health and the Florida Board of Nursing for Registered Nurse Education and meet eligibility for licensing exam (NCLEX-RN) in order to work as a Registered Nurse in a variety of settings in a safe and effective manner.” Palm Beach School of Nursing was authorized to provide instruction on campus to individuals seeking a [sic] Associate in Science Degree. This program required students to complete 1,665 hours of instruction, which included 720 hours of clinical experience in a health care setting.

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From in or around October 2016 to present,...Med-Life [and] Palm Beach School of Nursing...issued transcripts and diplomas to 62 individuals listed in Attachment A, who completed the required program hours and clinical training necessary to receive either a practical nursing diploma and transcript or a nursing associate in science degree and transcript.

From in or around October 2016 to present,...Med-Life [and] Palm Beach School of Nursing...issued transcripts and diplomas to 4989 individuals listed in Attachment B, who did not complete the required program hours and clinical training necessary to obtain either a practical nursing diploma and transcript or a nursing associate in science degree and transcript.

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I am also aware there may be other individuals claiming to have completed the registered nursing program at Med-Life or Palm Beach School of Nursing who may possess illegitimate degrees and transcripts. However, those individuals name named in Attachment A are not known to me to have completed the required program hours and clinical training necessary to earn a nursing associate in science degree and transcript.

10. The Respondent’s name, date of birth, and social security number are listed in Attachment B indicating the Respondent is one of the individuals who was issued a transcript and diploma and who did not complete the required program hours and clinical training necessary to obtain a nursing associate in science degree and transcript.

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Board's Investigation

11. The Board received a copy of the Respondent's transcript ("Transcript") from Palm Beach School of Nursing which indicates that she attended Palm Beach School of Nursing in Lake Worth, Florida from October 2, 2015 until December 1, 2017. The Transcript includes the following information:

Course Number	General Education Course Title	Credit Hours	Grade
HSC 101	Introduction to Health Care	3.0	
HSC 102	Human Anatomy & Physiology (Lab: 3 hours)	3.0	
HSC 103	Human Development	3.0	
HSC 104	Microbiology	3.0	
GEC 101	College Writing	3.0	
GEC 102	College Algebra	3.0	
GEC 103	Psychology	3.0	
GEC 104	Sociology	3.0	
GEC 105	Pathophysiology	3.0	
Total Credit Hours:		27.0	

Course Number	Nursing Course Title	Credit Hours	Grade
NUR 101	Fundamentals of Nursing	3.0	
NUR 102	Fundamentals of Nursing Practicum (lab: 1 hour; clinical 3 hours)	3.0	
NUR 103	Pharmacology	3.0	
NUR 201	Adult Nursing I	3.0	
NUR 202	Adult Nursing I Practicum (lab: 1 hour; clinical 3 hours)	3.0	
NUR 203	Psychiatric Nursing	3.0	
NUR 204	Psychiatric Nursing Practicum (lab: 1 hour; clinical 3 hours)	3.0	
NUR 205	Maternal and Newborn Nursing	3.0	
NUR 206	Maternal and Newborn Nursing Practicum (lab: 1 hour; clinical 3 hours)	3.0	
NUR 207	Pediatric Nursing	3.0	
NUR 208	Pediatric Nursing Practicum (lab: 1 hour; clinical 3 hours)	3.0	
NUR 301	Adult Nursing II	3.0	
NUR 302	Adult Nursing Practicum II (lab: 1 hour; clinical 3 hours)	3.0	
NUR 401	Advanced Nursing Skills (lab: 1 hour; clinical 3 hours)	3.0	
NUR 402	Professional Nursing Leadership	3.0	
Total Credit Hours:		45.0	

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12. The Transcript does not indicate the specific dates or time periods that the Respondent completed each individual didactic class, nor does it indicate the specific dates and/or locations where the clinical courses were completed.

Respondent's Response to Board Request for Information

13. The Respondent completed and submitted to the Board an Investigative Questionnaire which she signed on February 16, 2022,⁴ which states:

By my signature below, I hereby certify under the penalties of perjury that the information I provided in or attached to this Questionnaire is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

14. On the Investigative Questionnaire, the Respondent indicated that she received a "diploma" from "Palm Beach School of Nursing."

15. On the questionnaire, the Respondent indicated that she attended Palm Beach School of Nursing from October 2015 until December 2017 and wrote that she "resided in Baltimore, Maryland all through [her] education" and "traveled down to Florida every week and come [sic] back home Fridays, sometime come [sic] back to MD every two weeks."

16. In her answers to questions about her clinical experience, the Respondent wrote the following:

We do [sic] clinical in class and use ourselves for practice, manikans [sic] and dummies for clinicals. School promise to make it happen but never done. Everyone was not happy about it, but we have invest [sic] and pay so much.

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17. The Respondent wrote that the only course she received clinical experience in was "Health Assessment for RNs Nsg Care of the family & community." She wrote that "all others was [sic]

⁴ The Board received the Respondent's response to the Questionnaire on or about March 7, 2023.

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done in class room [*sic*] on student to student and NSG dummies and manikans [*sic*].”

18. When asked to provide the names and contact information for *all* the facilities at which she completed her clinical experience, the Respondent only listed one, a long-term care facility (the “LTC”) where she was employed. The Respondent wrote, “for my BSN, I used my job [LTC] it’s a nursing and rehabilitation center both long term and skilled facility.”

19. The Respondent provided a written statement to the Board dated February 16, 2022,⁵ in which she wrote the following:

...I am...an unfortunate victim of Palm Beach School of Nursing....I drove down with my family to Florida for a week to see if the school would be a good match for me. We got there I saw the school and at the time the school was accredited by the Board of Nursing in Florida. I gave them my transcripts and with my previous bachelor’s degree, I will be accepted to their accelerated program...I started on 10/2015, I went four days when I first started...I paid a total of \$19,000 for my school and each exam was an extra \$99...Things started changing in school in 2016. Students were worried that the school that we were attending was no longer accredited and that the school was going to close. We could not go for clinical, but the school promised that everything will be okay, and we will finish. At last, in December of 2017, we finished...

In conclusion I am pleading that the Maryland Board of Nursing should have mercy on me. I was naïve and unaware that I was being scammed this whole time...I have gotten a certificate as a Delegating Nurse from [Community College] and finished my BSN program in December 2022...

DISCUSSION

20. The Respondent submitted registration information to NCLEX when applying for examination for licensure indicating that she had graduated from Palm Beach School of Nursing in December 2017.

21. The Respondent submitted an Application for RN Licensure by Exam to the Board in which she indicated that he graduated from Med-Life, West Palm Beach on December 1, 2017.

⁵ The Board received the written statement on or about March 7, 2023.

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22. The Respondent provided false and/or contradictory information about her RN education.

23. In a signed affidavit, Johanah Napoleon, owner and operator of Palm Beach School of Nursing and Med-Life Institute – West Palm Beach, provided a list of individuals who did not complete the required program hours and clinical training at Palm Beach School of Nursing and Med-Life Institute, necessary to receive a transcript or a nursing associate in science degree. The Respondent was identified on the list by name, date of birth and social security number.

24. The Respondent does not meet the Board's statutory and regulatory requirements for RN licensure in Maryland.

25. The Respondent holds an active, Multistate RN license and the Respondent's ability and opportunity to continue to practice as an RN in the State of Maryland and/or any compact state on a fraudulently obtained RN license poses a serious risk and danger to the public health, safety, and welfare.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

Based on the foregoing investigative findings and reasons, the Board finds that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action in this case pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Govt. § 10-226(c)(2) (2021 Repl. Vol.).

ORDER

It is hereby:

ORDERED that pursuant to the authority vested in the Board of Nursing by Maryland Code Ann., State Govt. § 10-226(c)(2) (2021 Repl. Vol.) the license of **OLABIMPE FAYEMI OLADAPO** to practice as a **REGISTERED NURSE** in the State of Maryland, license number **R245540**, is hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED**; and be it further

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ORDERED that there will be a Show Cause Hearing on **March 22, 2023 at 3:15 p.m.**, before the Board at the Maryland Board of Nursing offices, 4140 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21215; and be it further

ORDERED that if, the suspension of the Respondent's license is continued following a Show Cause Hearing, the Respondent has the right to a full evidentiary hearing before the Board and a hearing will be scheduled before the Board if the Respondent submits a written request for an evidentiary hearing to the Board **no later than thirty (30) days from the date of the Board's written decision issued after the Show Cause Hearing;** and be it further

ORDERED that if the Respondent does not submit a timely written request to the Board for an evidentiary hearing within 30 days from the date of the Board's written decision issued after the Show Cause Hearing, the Respondent shall have waived all rights now and in the future to any hearing on the merits of the summary suspension and the factual allegations contained in this Order for Summary Suspension; and it is further

ORDERED that this Order for Summary Suspension shall remain in effect and the summary suspension of the Respondent's license shall continue until further Order of the Board; and it is further

ORDERED that this, "Order for Summary Suspension of Registered Nurse License" is a **PUBLIC RECORD** pursuant to Md. Code Ann., General Provisions § 4-101 *et seq.* & § 4-333 (2019).

March 8, 2023
Date

Karen E.B. Evans, MSN, RN-BC
The Executive Director's Signature
Appears on the Original Document

Maryland Board of Nursing