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Sharon Lang
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RE: CEASE AND DESIST LETTER

Dear Ms. Lang:

The Board of Nursing has received information that you have been representing yourself as a nurse, RN, GN, or professional nurse. From on or about July 2007 to February 2008, you accepted and worked in a position "Nursing Lab Coordinator" at Apollo College in Phoenix, AZ. This position required you to have an active license to practice nursing in the State of Arizona. The Arizona State Board of Nursing has no information on record that you have applied for licensure in Arizona nor have you been issued a license to practice nursing in the State of Arizona.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1666(A)(1)(2): It is unlawful for a person who is not licensed or certified under this chapter to: (1) Practice or offer to practice professional or practical nursing in this state. (2) Represent or use any title, abbreviation, letters, figures, sign, card or device to indicate that the person or any other person is a registered, graduate or professional nurse.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1636: Only a person who holds a valid and current license to practice professional nursing in this state or in a party state pursuant to section 32-1668 may use the title "nurse", "registered nurse", "graduate nurse" or "professional nurse" or the abbreviation "R.N."

Pursuant to R4-19-204 (E) The parent institution of a nursing program shall ensure that every professional nursing program faculty member holds a current Arizona registered nurse license in good standing or multi-state privilege to practice in Arizona under A.R.S., Title 32, Chapter 15

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1667(2): A person is guilty of a class 6 felony who: (2) Engages in any conduct prohibited in section 32-1666.

The Arizona Board of Nursing demands that you immediately cease and desist implying to the public of Arizona that you are a nurse (RN).

Be advised that the Board may forward your case to the Office of the Attorney General for review for potential criminal charges.

If you have any questions regarding our investigation of the complaint, please contact Valerie Smith, RN, MS, FRE, Associate Director, at (602) 889-5206.

Sincerely,

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