

**BEFORE THE ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF NURSING**

IN THE MATTER OF MARICOPA CAREER  
INSTITUTE NURSING ASSISTANT PROGRAM  
ISSUED TO:

MARICOPA CAREER INSTITUTE  
10231 N. 35th AVENUE  
PHOENIX, AZ 85051

“RESPONDENT”

**CONSENT AGREEMENT  
AND  
ORDER NO. 250101NA7003  
FOR DECREE OF CENSURE**

The Arizona State Board of Nursing (“Board”) and Maricopa Career Institute Nursing Assistant Program (“Respondent”) seek to resolve allegations that Respondent violated the Nurse Practice Act, Arizona Revised Statutes (“A.R.S.”) §§ 32-1601 – 1667, Arizona Administrative Code (“A.A.C.”) Rules 4-19-101 – 815. 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 program approval for a Maricopa Career Institute Nursing Assistant program, operating in Phoenix, Arizona, receiving its original approval in 2022. Respondent’s last program approval was on March 27, 2025.

2. Respondent’s first time student pass rate on the State of Arizona mandated manual skills certifying examination was below the minimum requirement as required in A.A.C. R4-19-801(E) in 2024. Based upon this information, the Board initiated an investigation.

3. Respondent's Nursing Assistant ("NA") program's 2024 first time student pass rate on the skills certifying examination was below the minimum requirement as required in R4-19-801(E). Specifically according to D&S Diversified Technologies, the approved test vendor, Respondent's annual pass rate for the written exam in 2024 was 63.64% and the skills was **63.64%**. The Arizona state average for the 2024 calendar year was 81.98% for written and 84.55% for the manual skills exam. Pursuant to R4-19-801(E), programs falling below the standard are those with less than 61.98% on the written exam and **64.55%** on skills. Respondent tested 11 students in 2024. In 2023, Respondent also fell below the state minimums on the written test with a pass rate of 64% because the state minimum was 65%. In 2023, Respondent tested 14 students.

### **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. § 32-1601(27) "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; (g) Wilfully or repeatedly violating a provision of this chapter or a rule adopted pursuant to this chapter; (j) Violating this chapter or a rule that is adopted by the board pursuant to this chapter; and A.A.C. R4-19-801(E) Certifying Exam Passing Standard: A training program and each site of a consolidated program under R4-19-802(E) shall attain, at a minimum, an annual first-time passing rate on the manual skill and written certifying examinations that is equal to the Arizona average pass rate for all candidates on each examination minus 20 percentage points. The Board may waive this requirement for programs with less than five students taking the exam during the year. The Board shall issue a notice of deficiency under A.A.C. R4-19-805 to any program with five or more students taking the exam that fails to achieve the minimum passing standard in any calendar year.

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, officers, 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.

Respondent understands that this Consent Agreement is effective upon its acceptance by the Board or its designee and by Respondent as evidenced by the respective signatures thereto. Respondent's signature obtained via facsimile shall have the same effect as an original signature. Once signed by Respondent, the Agreement cannot be withdrawn without the Board's approval or by stipulation between Respondent and the Board's designee. The effective date of this Order is the date the Consent Agreement is signed by Respondent and accepted by the Board or its designee.

Respondent acknowledges and agrees that the acceptance of this Consent Agreement is solely to settle this Board matter and does not preclude the Board from instituting other proceedings as may be appropriate now or in the future.

Furthermore, and notwithstanding any language in this Consent Agreement, this Consent Agreement does not preclude in any way any other state agency or officer or political subdivision of this state from instituting proceedings, investigating claims, or taking legal action as may be appropriate now or in the future relating to this matter or other matters concerning Respondent, including, but not limited to, violations of Arizona's Consumer Fraud Act. Respondent acknowledges that, other than with respect to the Board, this Consent Agreement makes no

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representations, implied or otherwise, about the views or intended actions of any other state agency or officer or political subdivision of the state relating to this matter or other matters concerning Respondent.



Nikki Boyd (Jun 16, 2025 16:01 MDT)

Signature or Approved Respondent Representative  
Maricopa Career Institute

**06/16/2025**

Date

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Joey Ridenour, R.N., M.N., F.A.A.N.  
Executive Director  
ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF NURSING

Dated: **06/16/2025**

**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:

1. Respondent's consent to the terms and conditions of this Order and waiver of hearing is accepted.
2. It is ordered that a DECREE OF CENSURE be entered against program approval no.7003, held by Respondent.

Joey Ridenour, R.N., M.N., F.A.A.N.  
Executive Director

ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF NURSING

Dated: **06/16/2025**

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