

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

**IN RE: MEDICAL SOLUTIONS ACADEMY, INC.
 PRACTICAL NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM
 Program Code: US28110700
 Case Number: 226761**

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE EDUCATION SPECIAL CONFERENCE
COMMITTEE**

Jurisdiction and Procedural History

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4019 and 54.1-2400(10), the Education Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Nursing (“Board”), held an informal conference on June 20, 2023 in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Medical Solutions Academy, Inc., Practical Nursing Education Program (“Respondent”) may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the operation of practical nursing education programs in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Present at this proceeding on behalf of Respondent was Lakeesha Curtis, Owner of Medical Solutions Academy, Inc. Respondent was not represented by counsel.

Upon consideration of the evidence, the Committee makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and recommends that the Board adopt the following Order.

Recommended Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law

1. Medical Solutions Academy, Inc., Practical Nursing Education Program (“Respondent”) was granted approval to operate a practical nursing education program on May 31, 2018.
2. On February 7, 2022, Medical Solutions Academy, Inc.’s license was placed on conditional approval after its pass rate for first-time test takers of the NCLEX-PN was below 80 percent for the preceding two calendar years of 2020 and 2021.

3. Respondent violated 18 VAC 90-27-210(A) and (B) of the Regulations for Nursing Education Programs in that its pass rate for first-time test takers on the NCLEX-PN was below 80% for the past three calendar years, as follows:

- a. In 2020, the pass rate was 40.00%;
- b. In 2021, the pass rate was 75.00%; and
- c. in 2022, the pass rate was 33.33%.

4. During the informal conference Lakeesha Curtis, the Owner of Medical Solutions Academy, Inc., stated that the practical nursing education program recently received its accreditation from the Council on Occupational Education, which will allow students access to federal financial aid, and that the NCLEX-PN pass rate for 2023 was 100%.

Recommended Order

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Committee recommends that the Board issue an Order as follows:

1. The approval of Medical Solutions Academy, Inc., Practical Nursing Education Program (“Respondent”) to operate a practical nursing education program is continued on **CONDITIONAL APPROVAL**, contingent upon the following terms and conditions:

a. Respondent shall provide the following information, in writing, to the Board within 60 days of the date of this Order:

- i. Advertisement for a program director;
- ii. Admission, progression, readmission, and refund policies;
- iii. Detailed information on strategies for achieving desired NCLEX-PN pass

rates and measures in place for achieving the same.

b. Respondent shall submit to the Board completed Quarterly Report forms, which

can be prepared with templates found on the Department of Health Professions website Board of Nursing page on the Education Program subpage. The reports shall be submitted on a quarterly basis to the Board, with the first report due not later than 60 days from the date of entry of the Order and subsequent reports due the first Monday of January, April, July, and October until Respondent is notified, in writing, that the reporting requirement is ended;

c. Respondent shall cooperate with a full survey visit no later than March 31, 2024;

d. Respondent's passage rate for first-time test takers on the NCLEX-PN shall be not less than 80% in 2023 and 2024.

2. Upon review of compliance with the terms and conditions of this Order, the Board will further consider Respondent's approval status, which may require its appearance before a Committee of the Board.

3. Within 60 days of Order entry, the Respondent shall:

i. Provide a copy of this Order to all current students, faculty members, and to the program's advisory board;

ii. Publish the Order on its website; and

iii. Update all publications and promotional materials provided to the public to reflect that the Respondent is on conditional approval.

4. Respondent shall comply with all of the Board's regulations for granting full program approval for an associate degree nursing education program in Virginia.

5. Any violation of the terms and conditions of this Order or any law or regulation affecting the operation of nursing education programs in the Commonwealth of Virginia may constitute grounds for the withdrawal of approval of Respondent, and an administrative proceeding shall be convened to determine whether such approval shall be withdrawn.

Reviewed and approved
By Cynthia Swineford, R.N., M.S.N., C.N.E.
Chair, Education Conference Special Committee