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State Board of Nursing Encourages On-Line Verification of Licensure by Employers

The Department of State Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs offers the public the opportunity to conduct searches of licensed professionals via a secure website at <https://www.pals.pa.gov/verify>.

The State Board of Nursing (Board) encourages all entities employing nurses to verify licensure via the website. The Board continues to receive reports of individuals who have presented altered Pennsylvania licensure documents to Pennsylvania employers or who have continued to practice using expired licensure documents or documents which do not reflect their suspended or revoked status. Such individuals may never have validly attained nursing licensure in this Commonwealth.

The Board makes every effort to ensure that individuals who commit fraud and deceit in the practice of nursing or in securing admission to such practice are appropriately sanctioned. However, in order to protect patients and clients from such fraudulent and unethical practices, the facility, home care agency, physician office or any other entity employing nurses in the Commonwealth should ensure that the nurses it employs hold a valid Pennsylvania license or temporary practice permit authorizing them to practice nursing in this Commonwealth.

If you have questions about the authenticity of a licensure document, contact the Board at 833-367-2762.