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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF
THE APPLICATION FOR
RE-REGISTRATION OF
HEIDIMARIE STEFFES, LPN

Applicant

ORDER GRANTING LIMITED LICENSE

Heidimarie Steffes, LPN, was granted a license to practice as a practical nurse in Wisconsin on December 10, 1976. Ms. Steffes practiced under her license until sometime in 1979, at which time she interrupted her career to raise her family. Ms. Steffes filed her application for reinstatement of her license by application dated October 26, 1999.

Section 440.08(3)(b), Stats., provides as follows:

The department or the interested examining board or affiliated credentialing board, as appropriate, may promulgate rules requiring the holder of a credential who fails to renew the credential within 5 years after its renewal date to complete requirements in order to restore the credential, in addition to the applicable requirements for renewal established under chs. 440 to 480, that the department, examining board or affiliated credentialing board determines is necessary to protect the public health, safety or welfare. The rules may not require the holder to complete educational requirements or pass examinations that are more extensive than the educational or examination requirements that must be completed in order to obtain an initial credential from the department, the examining board or the affiliated credentialing board.

The rule promulgated by the Board of Nursing pursuant to this provision states as follows:

N 5.08 Renewal after 5 years. (1) The board may, in the exercise of its discretion, require a credential holder who has failed to renew his or her license within 5 years after its renewal date to demonstrate continued competence in the practice of nursing as a prerequisite to credential renewal.

(2) The board may require demonstration of competence by various methods, including but not limited to written or oral examination, documentation of nursing work in other jurisdictions, or documentation of current education or experience in the field. Any examination or education required under this section shall not be more extensive than the educational or examination requirements for an initial credential from the board.

On January 6, 2000, the board considered Ms. Steffes's application. Based upon that application, and upon sections 440.08(3)(b), Stats., and N 5.08, Code, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Heidimarie Steffes, LPN, is hereby granted a limited license to practice as a practical nurse in Wisconsin as follows:

1. Ms. Steffes shall complete a practical nursing refresher course or other remedial training approved by the board.
2. Until satisfactory completion of the refresher course or other remedial training, Ms. Steffes shall practice only under the direct supervision of a registered nurse.
3. Ms. Steffes shall be responsible for a period of one year for submission to the board of quarterly work reports prepared by her nursing employer setting forth Ms. Steffes's employment activities and performance.
4. After one year, Ms. Steffes may petition the board for a full, unlimited license.

Dated this 18th day of January, 2000.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BOARD OF NURSING

by _____

Ann Brewer, RN

Chair