



IN THE MATTER OF:
ADONIS CRUZ
LICENSE NUMBER: PH202586
COMPLAINT NO: C24-0686

CONSENT ORDER & AGREEMENT

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-19.1 *et seq.* (“Pharmacy Act”) and R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-1 *et seq.* including the Rhode Island Rules and Regulations related to Pharmacy promulgated in the Rhode Island Code of Regulations at 216-RICR-40-15-1, *et seq.*, (“Pharmacy Regulations”) the Department of Health (“RIDOH”), through the Board of Pharmacy (“Board”) has investigated a complaint charging Adonis Cruz (“Respondent”), with unprofessional conduct subject to disciplinary proceedings. After review and consideration by the Board with respect to the Respondent’s conduct, the following are and shall constitute the findings of fact and conclusions of law with respect to professional performance of the Respondent:

Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-19.1-21, the foregoing facts constitute unprofessional conduct in the State of Rhode Island:

1. Respondent, Adonis Cruz (“Respondent”) is a Pharmacy Technician (II) licensed to practice in Rhode Island under license number PH202586.
2. As a licensed Pharmacy Technician, Respondent has a duty to comply with the Pharmacy Act and Regulations.
3. That from June 2023 through November 13, 2023, Respondent was employed as a Pharmacy Technician (II) at Anthony’s Pharmacy, located at 1524 Atwood Ave, Johnston, RI 02919.
4. That on or around June 25, 2024, RIDOH received a complaint alleging Respondent sent inappropriate text messages to a patient.
5. That on or around June 26, 2024, RIDOH undertook an investigation on the aforementioned complaint.

6. That on September 19, 2024, the Respondent appeared before the Board of Pharmacy Investigative Committee during which he answered questions from the investigative committee and expressed remorse for his actions.
7. That on October 17, 2024, the Board of Pharmacy Investigative Committee unanimously determined that unprofessional conduct had occurred, and that discipline was appropriate in this case.

Based on these findings, the Respondent agrees to the following conditions of this Consent Order & Agreement (“Consent Order”):


8. That the Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Board.
9. That the Respondent has read this Consent Agreement and understands that this Consent Agreement shall become binding once signed by the Respondent and the Board.
10. That Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
 - a. The right to an administrative hearing on this matter;
 - b. The right to represent himself or be represented by an attorney of Respondent’s own choosing at said hearing;
 - c. The right to produce testimony, witnesses, and evidence on Respondent’s behalf; at a hearing; and
 - d. Any and all rights of appeal.
11. That this Consent Order shall become part of the public record of these proceedings once it is accepted by all parties and accepted by the Department.

Based on the foregoing, the parties further agree as follows:

12. Respondent’s Pharmacy Technician II license shall be on probation for one (1) year and commence from the date this consent order is ratified by the Board.
13. During the probationary period Respondent must seek appropriate counseling through resources from an employee assistance program (EAP) or an independent clinician on a monthly basis.
14. Respondent must notify the Board of their intent to request reinstatement of their license and appear live before the Board, and during such time, must provide the Board with documentation of their compliance with the stipulations of this Consent Order.


15. RIDOH/Board of Pharmacy staff and/or the Board may use this voluntary Consent Order as a factor in considering reinstatement of the Pharmacy Technician II license by the Respondent.

Signed this 20th day of November, 2024.



Adonis Cruz
License # PH202586

Ratified by the Chairperson, RI Board of Pharmacy, on the 19th day of December 2024.



Paul Capuano, BPharm, RPh
Chairperson
RI Board of Pharmacy