

PUBLIC HEALTH HEARING OFFICE
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing

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RE: Claudia E. Cruz-Mateo, RN, Petition No. 2025-883

NOTICE OF HEARING

By authority of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Section 4-177, you are hereby notified to appear before **Aden Baume, Esq.** (“Hearing Officer”) for the **Board of Examiners for Nursing** for a hearing on the attached Charges against you. The hearing will be conducted at **1:00 PM on December 23, 2025**, and will be held by video conference.

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These Charges are being brought against you under the provisions of the Sections 19a-9, 19a-10 and 20-99(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with Chapter 54 of the General Statutes of Connecticut and Section 19a-9-1, et seq., of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (Public Health Code).

At the hearing you will have the opportunity to present your evidence, including witnesses and documents. It will be your responsibility to provide the hearing connection link to any witnesses you may call.

Filing an Answer; Failure to File Answer:

You are required to file an answer to the attached Charges with the Department of Public Health **within 7 days from the date of this Notice of Hearing**. Please note: failure to file an Answer could result in the allegations being found to be true as stated, and the possibility that you will not be permitted to submit any evidence concerning the allegations.

Representation by an Attorney:

At the aforementioned hearing you may be represented by an attorney and present evidence on your behalf. Although you may represent yourself (pro se), you are urged to obtain the services of an attorney.

Documents:

If you intend to introduce documents into evidence, **YOU MUST COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:**

Exhibits should be pre-marked for identification (i.e. Department exhibit 1, Respondent exhibit A), page numbered, and properly redacted.

The following information shall be redacted.

- (1) Date of birth
- (2) Mother's maiden name
- (3) Motor vehicle operator's license number
- (4) Social Security Number
- (5) Other government-issued identification number
- (6) Health insurance identification number
- (7) Financial account number
- (8) Security code or personal identification number (PIN)

Order Re: Filings

In preparation for this hearing you must, no later than **December 15, 2025**, provide the information specified in the attached Notice for Submissions.

All communications shall be submitted in this fashion. The Department or Respondent shall provide a copy of each document filed to Respondent or Department as the case may be and certify such to the Hearing Officer.

Failure to Appear:

If you fail to appear at the hearing, upon proof that due notice was served upon you to appear, the Hearing Officer may proceed in the same manner as though you were present in person.

Please call 860-509-7566 as soon as possible if you have any questions about the hearing schedule.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 5th day of December, 2025.

For the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing

/s/ Brett Ann Karpuska
Brett Ann Karpuska, Administrative Assistant/Board Liaison

c: Christian Andresen, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations
Aden Baume, Hearing Officer, Public Health Hearing Office
Anthony Nanni, Staff Attorney, Professional Licensure Compliance Office

The Department of Public Health is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

If you require aid/accommodation to participate fully and fairly, please contact the Public Health Hearing Office at 860-509-7566.

Notice for Submissions

The hearing in the matter of **Claudia E. Cruz-Mateo, RN** has been scheduled for **December 23, 2025**, and will be conducted remotely through Microsoft Teams/teleconference.

On or before **December 15, 2025**, you must provide the following by electronic mail response to the Department of Public Health, Public Health Hearing Office at phho.dph@ct.gov.

1. **Electronically Pre-filed exhibits** – Exhibits should be pre-marked for identification (i.e. Department exhibit 1, Respondent exhibit A), page numbered, **and properly redacted for any personally identifiable information**. *Parties and/or counsel should stipulate to any exhibits and facts not in dispute and provide any objections to proposed exhibits.* All exhibits also must be sent to the opposing party or counsel.
2. **Witness List** – identify any persons expected to be called to testify. Be sure to notify your witnesses that they will be required to remain available and in attendance for the full duration of the hearing. (This will eliminate the difficulty of trying to reach witnesses again for rebuttal or additional examination later in the hearing). Witness lists also must be sent to the opposing party or counsel.
3. **Photo Identification**: Self-represented parties should provide a copy of a government-issued photo identification for yourself and any witnesses you expect to call. Photo identification is *not* required for parties represented by counsel, or witnesses called to testify for parties represented by counsel.
4. **Electronic Mail (“e-mail”) addresses** for parties, counsel and witnesses. All e-mail addresses must be current and able to receive all notices relating to this matter.
5. **Cellphone numbers** for all parties, counsel, and witnesses at which they can be reached and respond to text message during the hearing (in the event a connection is lost).
6. **A statement whether executive session may be required** to receive testimony containing personal protected information, and if so, what that information may be (treatment records, patient records, therapy reports). Parties or counsel should identify any witnesses listed in response to #2 above who may provide testimony relating to personal protected information requiring executive session.
7. **A statement whether an interpreter will be needed** for the proceeding.

This is a formal public hearing. It will be video recorded and posted on the DPH website for public viewing*. All hearing participants should appear in proper attire, in proper surroundings, and remove any potential distractions.

In preparation, please make sure all of your devices are fully functioning and properly charged. All participants are required to have video and audio functions on when testifying or speaking.

Documents are not required to be shared on-screen during hearings, as all parties, attorneys, board members and/or hearing officers have been provided such documents. Parties and/or attorneys who elect to share documents for viewing on-screen during the hearing must do so from their own equipment. Confidential documents should only be shared in executive session. Hearing Office staff / Teams administrators are not responsible for the sharing of submitted documents in the presentation of a party’s case.

Our office will contact you again 3 to 5 calendar days prior to the hearing to provide you with any further instructions.

Should you have any questions please contact the hearing office at phho.dph@ct.gov.

**The executive session portion of any hearing will not be recorded on video or posted for public viewing.*

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

In re: Claudia Estella Cruz Mateo, RN

Petition No. 2025-883

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§19a-10 and 19a-14, the Department of Public Health ("Department") brings the following charges against Claudia Estella Cruz Mateo:

1. Claudia Estella Cruz Mateo, (Respondent") is, and has been since September 30, 2024, the holder of Connecticut registered nurse license number 225654.
2. Respondent is also licensed as a registered nurse in the State of New York and State of Florida.
3. On or about July 30, 2024, Respondent applied to the Department for a Connecticut registered nurse license by endorsement.
4. As part of the application for licensure, Respondent attested that she received her nursing education from Azure College ("Azure").
5. On or about September 30, 2024, the Department issued a registered nurse license 225654 to Respondent.
6. Respondent has not completed the required program hours and clinical training necessary to obtain either a practical nursing diploma and transcript or a nursing associate in science degree and transcript.
7. Respondent's licensure as a registered nurse in the State of Connecticut, State of New York, and State of Florida resulted from the provision of information and documentation to the licensing authorities in those states, which led those authorities to conclude that Respondent completed the required program hours and/or clinical training required to graduate from a prelicensure nursing program when, in fact, she did not complete the required program hours and/or clinical training.
8. The above cited facts evidence conduct that fails to conform to the accepted standards of the nursing profession because the Respondent did not successfully complete the necessary requirements to obtain a nursing degree and they, therefore, constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§19a-17 and 20-99, including, but not necessarily limited to Conn. Gen. Stat. §20-99(b).
9. For the foregoing reasons, the Department believes that Respondent's continued practice as a registered nurse represents a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety.

THEREFORE, the Department prays that:

The Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing, as authorized by the Connecticut General Statutes, §§ 20-99(b) and 19a-17, summarily suspend respondent's license to practice as a registered nurse until a full hearing on the merits can be held, and that it revoke, or order other disciplinary action against, the nursing license of Claudia Estella Cruz Mateo as it deems appropriate and consistent with law.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 25th day of November 2025.

Christian Andresen

Christian D. Andresen, MPH, Section Chief
Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section
Healthcare Quality and Safety Branch

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**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

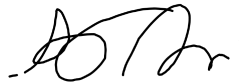
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MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

The Department of Public Health ("the Department") hereby moves in accordance with the General Statutes of Connecticut §§4-182(c) and 19a-17(c) that the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing summarily suspend the license of Claudia Estella Cruz Mateo to practice as a registered nurse in Connecticut. This motion is based on the attached Statement of Charges, documents, reports, affidavits, and on the Department's information and belief that allowing Claudi Estella Cruz Mateo to continue the practice of nursing represents a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 1st day of December 2025.



Anthony P Nanni Jr., Staff Attorney
Department of Public Health

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
HEALTHCARE QUALITY AND SAFETY BRANCH**

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SUMMARY SUSPENSION ORDER

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health having moved for an order of summary suspension in this matter and having submitted duly verified documents, reports, and affidavits in support of its motion; and

WHEREAS, said documents, reports, and affidavits allege facts which show violations of Connecticut General Statutes §20-99(b), and which imperatively require emergency action in that the public health, safety or welfare of the citizens of the State of Connecticut is in clear and immediate danger.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§4-182(c) and 19a-17(c), it is hereby **ORDERED**, by vote of The Board of Examiners for Nursing:

That license number 225654 of Claudia Estella Cruz Mateo to practice as a registered nurse in the State of Connecticut is hereby summarily suspended pending a final determination by the Board of Examiners for Nursing regarding the allegations contained in the Statement of Charges in Petition Number 2025-883

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 3rd day of December, 2025.


Gina Reiners, Chair
Board of Examiners for Nursing

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