

Michelle Nightingale, RSLP

Consent Agreement

Location:

Metro Vancouver, BC

Date of Action:

April 10, 2024

Action: On April 10, Michelle Nightingale, RSLP (the “Registrant”) entered into an Undertaking and Consent Agreement (the “Agreement”), pursuant to section 33(6)(c) and section 36(1) of the Health Professions Act, following an investigation by the College’s Inquiry Committee into allegations that the Registrant routinely failed to meet clinical practice and professional standards and engaged in unlawful practice while working at Surrey Memorial Hospital. This Agreement supersedes the Undertaking and Consent Agreement (regarding extraordinary action) dated November 3, 2022, which was the subject of an earlier public notice.

Resolution: The Inquiry Committee resolved to dispose of the matter by requiring the Registrant to undertake or consent to certain practice limits and conditions. These include the following:

1. The Registrant may only practice under the general supervision of a College approved SLP for a period of between 6 and 9 months (at the supervisor’s discretion).
2. The Registrant will not engage in any activity involving dysphagia screening, identification, assessment, diagnosis, and/or treatment (including swallowing assessments, diagnosis, and/or management) in all and any practice environments where a patient/client may present with dysphagia (“Dysphagia Practice”) unless the Registrant has first notified the College of their intention to return to Dysphagia Practice. Then, the Registrant may only engage in Dysphagia Practice under the close supervision of a College approved SLP for a period of 6 months.

The supervisor(s) will provide written reports to the Inquiry Committee setting out their opinion on whether the Registrant is practicing in accordance with minimum acceptable practice and/or professional standards, and the particulars of any failing on the Registrant’s part to practice in accordance with such standards.

The Registrant will be responsible for covering the costs of the above-noted supervision. The Inquiry Committee believes this resolution is consistent with the College’s mandate to serve and protect the public.