

Covenant School of Nursing  
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment  
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Jennifer King

Date: 10/17/20

DAS Assignment # \_\_3\_\_ (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Christine Warren

License number of the defendant: 838002

Date action was taken against the license: November 1, 2019

Type of action taken against the license: voluntary surrender of license

*In October of 2018 Christine Warren began her shift by exhibiting signs of impaired behavior. Ms. Warren was having great difficulty in staying awake during her shift and even fell asleep. She was having difficulty speaking and slurring her speech. She was not able to provide the proper care for her patients and put them in danger because she would not have noticed changes in their status or decline in their health.*

*The case does not state whether alcohol or drugs were found to be the culprit of Ms. Warrens impairments. In her defense, something as little as too much cold medication could cause these types of impairments, however she has a duty to fulfill and her patient's safety should be priority. If she was not feeling well, she simply needed to call in or notify her nurse manager that she was not well enough to safely perform her duties. This is a situation that could happen to almost anyone however she did not take care of the situation and she is now unable to work as a RN.*

*If I had been working with Ms. Warren and noticed the impairments, I would have immediately notified my charge nurse as well as nurse manager. This is an unfortunate case as it could have easily been prevented. Sometimes units are very understaffed, and we feel that we will be punished for calling in or feel guilty for not being there for our coworkers. We have to remember though that we have to put our health first before we can consider taking care of someone else's health.*