

# Covenant School of Nursing

## Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

### Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Diana Ruedas

Date: 05/08/21

DAS Assignment # \_\_\_1\_\_\_ (1-4)

Name of the defendant: COLE, STEPHANIE ASTIN

License number of the defendant: RN 879949

Date action was taken against the license: 06/11/2019

Type of action taken against the license: Revoked

*Use the space below to describe the events which led to action taken against the license. If multiple charges were in play, be sure and cite them, e.g. drug diversion, HIPAA violation, abandonment, forfeiture on student loans, etc.*

- Charge 1: The RN falsely documented administration of Oxycodone for one patient (fraud). Charge 2: Misappropriated oxycodone belonging to the facility or patients thereof or failed to take precautions to prevent such misappropriation (theft). Charge 3: Positive drug screen for opiates which hinders a nurse's ability to take care of their patients; therefore, putting her patients in danger (drug diversion). Charge 4: Falsified signatures of five nurses on five different patients. Resulted in inaccurate medical records and was likely to injure the patients in that the caregivers rely on her documentation for further care (fraud).

*Use the space below to provide a description of measures you think could have prevented any action being taken against the license and/or would have prevented harm to the patient, if harm occurred.*

- You cannot control another persons dishonesty, but you can better protect your password and log in information if she was forging signatures electronically. The patients were not physically harmed, but they needed oxycodone for a reason and the lack of receiving that medication would keep them from feeling better. Our Charge Nurse and Nurse Manager round on our patients on the floor to make sure that they are doing okay or if they need anything. That is something that could have helped the patients be able to express that they requested so and so medication and they either didn't receive it or (if they are only receiving partial medication) that it just isn't working as well as it was. From that point the CN or NM could follow up and it possibly could have raised some red flags.

*Use the space below to describe what action you think a prudent nurse would take as the first to person to discover the event described, in other words, you are the one who discovers the patient has been harmed by the nurse or you have discovered the impairment or criminal activity cited in the disciplinary action.*

- I would notify my charge nurse and nurse manager immediately