

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Brianna Johnson Date: 05/30/21 DAS Assignment #4

Name of the defendant: Amelia Acosta License number of the defendant: 708710

Date action was taken against the license: 02/18/16

Type of action taken against the license: Remedial Education with Fine

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.

When renewing her license online, she provided false, deceptive, and misleading information, in that she answered "No" to the question: "have you, within the past 24 months or since your last renewal, for any criminal offense, including those pending appeal been convicted of a misdemeanor?" Within that time, she was arrested for assault causing bodily injury, which is a class C misdemeanor.

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.

As simple as it sounds, the nurse could have just been honest. She should have informed TBON of her criminal background. I'm not sure how TBON handles nurses with past convictions but lying does not help her case.

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.

If I was TBON, I would give the nurse a chance to explain why she lied and her reasoning behind her actions that led to her conviction. I would also look to see if it was a one-time occurrence or if she has a record of dishonorable behavior. I believe that remedial education could help her but lying is unethical no matter the intent and it contradicts the part of her that gives her moral worth. Nursing is all about ethics and it's hard to trust a person who is willing to lie to protect their license while knowing that they did something wrong. It makes you wonder what else she would be willing to lie about in the future. This nurse had the choice to be honest and she chose not to, which says a lot about her character.