

# Covenant School of Nursing

## Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

### Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Kelsee Hays

Date: 7/30/21

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Name of the defendant: Debbie Ann Cannon

License number of the defendant: 757575

Date action was taken against the license: May 10, 2017

Type of action taken against the license: Voluntary Surrender.

*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.*

Debbie Ann Cannon admitted to taking medication that belonged to patients and using it for herself. She was also using opiates for herself and this was evident from a drug test taken by Cannon that came back positive for Hydrocodone. The Disciplinary actions made by the Texas Board of Nursing was that Debbie Cannon could no longer practice as a Registered Nurse. Cannon violated 5 of the 7 Universal Competencies by stealing a patient's medication and using it for herself.

*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.*

Debbie should have done what she was supposed to do by giving the medication to the patient rather than stealing it for herself. By taking the medication for herself, Cannon put her patient at risk for not receiving the correct care. If she was going through something that allowed her to need medication, she should have talked to a doctor about it instead of stealing medication. The only thing that really could have prevented this was that Debbie should have done the right thing. In my opinion, Debbie was really the only person that could have changed her actions. It is all about what you will do when no one is watching.

*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.*

The right thing to do would be to tell the charge nurse or someone higher up that your co-worker was stealing medication. If I knew and didn't tell anyone, I could be in trouble for not stopping this person and if a patient was involved, I could potentially have consequences for not protecting the safety of the patient. In this instance, Debbie did the right thing by owning up to what she did and surrendering. I feel like things could have been a lot worse for her if she would've been caught by someone.