

# Covenant School of Nursing

## Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

### Instructional Module 2

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DAS Assignment # 3

Name of the defendant: Erika Brown

License number of the defendant: 650709

Date action was taken against the license: January 23, 2014

Type of action taken against the license: Revoked

Erika Brown tested positive for 2,307ng/mL of Amphetamines on a random drug test at work. She claimed she had just gotten back from a 48 hour road trip with her husband, and she took the substance in order to stay awake while her husband was driving to help him stay awake.

Erika Brown could've prevented the revoking of her license by not taking that substance. She was on vacation during that time period, but knowing she would have to come to work following her return home. As a nurse, she should know that the substance would still be in her body therefore, altering her ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in patient's conditions, and an inability to make rational, accurate decisions regarding her patients care. No harm occurred, but she put her patient's in potential danger. Brown should've found an alternate way to keep awake on the road.

As a prudent nurse, if I discovered a fellow nurse took Amphetamines in order to stay awake while on a road trip and then returned to work, I would immediately notify my charge nurse. Although it did not occur with the hospital's possession of the substance she did come to work with a potential altered mindset. My number one job is to protect my patients and those around me. Brown was putting patients in potential danger, therefore she should not be caring for patients at that time.