

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Jasmine Rodriguez
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Date:

9/28/21

DAS Assignment #

Name of the defendant:

License number of the defendant:

-Elizabeth Ann Adkins

Date action was taken against the license: 9/28/2011

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.

- Elizabeth had been a nurse from 1997 all the way up until 2011
- January 2010 Elizabeth freely admitted that she had diverted controlled substances including morphine, fentanyl, and diluted for her own personal use.
- Elizabeth voluntarily surrendered her nursing license in order to avoid any other disciplinary actions.

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. Consider which universal competencies were violated.

- The one reasonable way Elizabeth could have prevented this action was simply to not do it at all. It was stated that Elizabeth used the drugs for her personal use. Not only did she divert drugs, but she could have also been using those drugs while working with her patients, which could have ended up with some horrible consequences. Elizabeth violated the safety and security violation and the professional role.

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 had been the one to catch Elizabeth in the action of doing this, as the prudent nurse I would have reported this to the charge nurse immediately. There is no reason to not report this action. Using these drugs that are not prescribed is not only putting patients at harm, but it also puts Elizabeth at harm.

There is no telling on how Elizabeth's body would react to the drugs especially when they are all used at once.