

# Covenant School of Nursing

## Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

### Instructional Module 2

Student Name: **Hailey Goulas**  
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Date:

10/10/2021

DAS Assignment #

Name of the defendant:

**Leticia Adriana Barraza**

License number of the defendant: **821194**

Date action was taken against the license: **May 17, 2016**

Type of action taken against the license: **Reprimand with Stipulations**

***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.***

At the time of this incident Barraza was employed at Baylor All Saints Medical Center as a charge nurse for over three years and one month. In 2015, the RN inappropriately stopped sedatives on a patient without physician consultation or orders. She also was involved with having the patient extubated with the request of the patient's husband without physician orders. This patient later died in the ICU and this did not allow the physician to have notice of the incident or consult with the family before the RN took action. She understands the wrongful actions she committed and was ordered to receive Reprimand with stipulations. This order means the RN should enroll in remedial education courses for a minimum of 6 hours in length. The course is named "sharpening critical thinking skills and this requires the instructor to submit a verification of course completion and she must obtain board approval prior to enrolling by the board. She was also directed to work 64 hours per month for 2 years of employment at the same institution. The RN was addressed to be strictly supervised and to submit orders to proper management for the length of this employment.

***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.***

I believe her emotional state beat her critical thinking skills in this incident. This should have never happened without having physician orders because as Registered Nurses this is completely out of our scope of practice to engage in such activity. This could have been prevented by allowing the MD to consult with the family in order to take the direct action on the patient. I understand this patient was critically ill and the husband asked to withdraw care but as an RN we do not make serious decisions like that without proper orders.

***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 saw this happening I would immediately intervene and report to higher authority such as management and physicians to abruptly stop this incident. This is completely out of our scope of practice and totally unacceptable to do. I would talk to the nurse to think rationally and not with emotions. Honestly, this incident completely blows my mind that no one tried to stop her from committing this incident and that she had team members going along with the decision without letting an MD know.