

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Samantha Ramos Date:10/15/21 DAS Assignment # ____3____ (1-4)

Name of the defendant: **Yerger, Michelle Brooke** License number of the defendant: **789389**

Date action was taken against the license: **6/11/2013**

Type of action taken against the license: **Revoked**

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.

Charge I: Three different occasions Ms. Yerger failed to waste Hydromorphone all within 10 days of each other.

Charge II: Ms. Yerger was observed using impaired behavior, slurring words and a dazed appearance.

Charge III: Failed to take precautions to prevent misappropriation of Benadryl and other medication from facility.

Charge IV: Ms. Yerger admitted to the use of Hydrocodone and Diazepam and had taken Norco and Valium without a valid prescription.

Charge V: Admitted using of methadone on duty.

Charge VI: Failure to pay student loans.

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.

Ms. Yerger put her patients at risk with using addictive medication on duty, which can affect her patients care and can be dangerous. A way this situation could have been avoided is contacting the appropriate people to get her help with the addiction.

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 the nurse to come across Ms. Yerger, I would immediately contact the charge nurse to be aware that she could be putting her patients at danger. I would talk to the nurse manger to talk to the nurse about seeking help for her addiction problem to keep her safe and ultimately the patient's safety.