

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Megan Loiseau Date: 12/19/21 DAS Assignment # 3 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Paula Lynn License number of the defendant: 800457

Date action was taken against the license: 1/21/2016

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.

There were multiple charges against Paula, but the majority were against the misuse of controlled substances act. There were three occasions she pulled hydrocodone from the med room and did not have a doctors order. She inaccurately documented these occasions. The final charge against her was that she went to Jail with a DUI and did not follow regulations on how to proceed with her nursing license and protocols at her job.

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.

I think having a second nurse watch the “wasting” of her med draws would cause attention to her frequent pulling of this one med. I think there should be a way for her to get help in the hospital about her possible addiction, and it should feel like a safe space to do so. Thankfully, there was no patient harm and there was no evidence the drug was in fact administered to a patient.

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 found out/ saw the actions of pulling medications without a doctors order, I would immediately ask that nurse why she was doing it to be sure she wasn't making a mistake. If she did not correct herself I would go to the charge nurse and tell her my truth. I would offer help if it was related to addiction and abuse.