

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Sadie Soto

Date: 05/07/2022

DAS Assignment # ____2____ (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Joan Elizabeth Armstrong

License number of the defendant: 66336

Date action was taken against the license: 09/11/2012

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.

Drug Diversion- Armstrong had 2 charges on her and they were both for substance abuse. The first charge she was given was due to her impaired behavior she expressed at work. She was slurring her speech and had an unsteady gait. The second charge was given when Butalbital and Hydrocodone were found within a drug test she had taken. Taking these medications could have impaired her ability to care for her patients.

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.

In order for her license to not have been revoked, she should have only used the medications in the correct manner. Ms. Armstrong also should have come to work in a proper manner in which her behavior wasn't impaired and had the ability to care for those she's supposed to.

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.

In this situation, I believe a prudent nurse would care for the well-being of Armstrong's patients and notify the charge nurse or the nursing supervisor about the behavior she was demonstrating. I think they would also care for her patients if they knew she wasn't in the proper state of mind to care for them .