

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Anzleigh Swecker Date: 05/18/2022

DAS Assignment # 4

Name of the defendant: Lisa Diane Bates

License number of the defendant: RN 674488

Date action was taken against the license: March 20, 2012

Type of action taken against the license: Revoked

Around November 16, 2010, while Bates was working as a Registered Nurse, she created two fraudulent prescriptions with a forged name of the physician. The two prescriptions consisted of Adipex 37.5mg one PO every AM, with 30 tablets. The other was Lortab 7.5mg one PO tablet every 4 hours PRN pain with 30 tablets. The two prescriptions were prescribed to her husband who tried to turn them in to Drug Emporium in Louisiana which eventually led to the finding and arrest of Lisa Bates. While she worked at a Minimally Invasive Surgery Center from May 2010 to November 2010, she appeared to have an erratic behavior. She was found to have a negligence habit which led her to be incompetent. She was also found that she has shown an inability to provide a reasonable skill and safety to patients and other individuals because of use of alcohol and drugs. She also has had falsified records, which consisted of the prescriptions.

There are many measures that could have been taken to prevent any of the occurrences that have happened. For instance, not try to forge not one but two prescriptions. No matter what, you should never forge prescriptions, especially if they are opioids or pain medications even if it is for your loved ones. I would have done this the proper way if my husband did need pain medication or any medication for that matter. I am not sure what was happening in Bates's life at the time, but if I was to be using drugs, I would not come to work, especially at a surgical center because there are many lives at stake. I know when I can take care of patients and when I cannot. If she was going through personal matters, she should have taken a leave of absence. She put her patient's lives at risk because she was not competent enough to provide safety and perform the proper skills. There are many universal competencies that were violated, the first and foremost is safety of the patient, communication because of the false prescriptions, professional role because she had an erratic behavior when coming into work as well as human caring because she did put their lives at stake and easily could have made a life-threatening mistake.

If I were to be the first one to discover the nurse having an erratic behavior, I would make sure I saw what I saw. I would not want to say something if it wasn't true because that would come back on myself. Then I would tell my charge nurse as well as looking at the procedures and policies for the place I am working to see how I would go up the chain of commands. I would try my best to get this taken care of before any patients or coworkers, or even Bates were harmed. Luckily, there was not any incidents reported by patients, coworkers, or patient's families.