

# Covenant School of Nursing

## Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

### Instructional Module 2

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Name of the defendant: Mireille A. (Lofton) Morel License number of the defendant: 595689

Date action was taken against the license: 09/10/2012

Type of action taken against the license: Voluntary Surrender

*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.*

Misappropriated drug- While taking care of a patient, Ms. Morel admitted to taking 4 Hydrocodone tablets that belonged to the patient. It was believed to be done due to wanting to defraud the patient of the cost of the medication. Her misuse of the drugs was discovered when the agency, of her facility in which she worked, made an unscheduled visit into the patients chart and discovered the misappropriation of the 4 Hydrocodone tablets.

*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 would refrain from using any drugs, especially if they were ordered for one of the patients that are on the floor. If I were struggling with the use of drugs, I would look into getting help and refrain from working within an area where drugs are always nearby. She broke multiple universal competencies, starting with behaving unprofessionally within her workspace. Taking a patients medications also proves that a nurse isn't trustworthy and therefore violates the universal competency of establishing a relationship with the patient in which they trust the nurse is doing everything she can to provide them with care. She also gave false documentation of giving medications or lacked documentation on her medication administration which is a very important protocol that all nurses should follow to provide information necessary to others in regards to the patients well-being.

*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 a prudent nurse were to see her take the medication from the patient, I feel as though they would intervene and let her know that she shouldn't be misappropriating it. If unsure of whether telling her something would

cause more problems, they would notify the nursing supervisor of the actions occurring. If I were to see this nurse misappropriating the medications, and it caused harm to the patient, I would relay the situation to the charge nurse. I would also tend to the patient as the primary nurse should until her well-being is maintained again. Being an advocate for all patients is what nurses should do, so if the main nurse isn't doing so, another nurse should take over that care.