

# Covenant School of Nursing

## Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

### Instructional Module 2

Student Name: eva leal      Date: 9/2/22      DAS Assignment #   1   (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Benjamin Alva Belcher      License number of the defendant: 670126

Date action was taken against the license: Nov 15, 2004

Type of action taken against the license: Agreed Order to complete TPAPN then he surrendered his license

*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.*

- 1) October 2002 while employed with Kindred Hospital of Dallas, in Dallas, Tx. Respondent misappropriated morphine from the facility and administered it for personal use.
- 2) February 2003, while employed with Life Care Hospitals of Dallas Tx, respondent engaged in the use of cocaine which he did test positive for.
- 3) May 2003 he again while employed with Life Care Hospitals of Dallas Tx, engaged in the use of cocaine which he did test positive for.
- 4) November 2004 Respondent misappropriated a patients Duragesic(Fentanyl) patch for personal use, which he defrauded the facility and the patient of the cost of the medication.

*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 believe he was given to many chances to continue to misuse drugs which led him to believe he could continue to do so, there should have not been 4 times he was found with drugs in his system or taking from patients. So many of the universal competencies were violated. Safety and security of the patients was compromised due to him being under the influence, taking from patients who truly needed that medication, falsifying documentations was another competency was violated, as well a human caring was out the window when he selfishly put his needs above the patient care, and I would say his professional role was out the window when he used his license to play the system.

*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.*

I would go straight to the Supervisor and allow them to know of my suspicion of the law being broken and the threat of harm to patients. I'm sure they know of the policy to handle that situation better than I would however I do believe I would make sure that the nurse's job was suspended until proven other wise so that no futher harm could come to patients.