

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: **Krystal Herrera** Date: **08/29/22** DAS Assignment # **1** (1-4)

Name of the defendant: **Veronica Chavez** License number of the defendant: **733796**

Date action was taken against the license: **March 6, 2016**

Type of action taken against the license:
Remedial Education with Fine

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. **HIPPA violation, unprofessional interactions, failure to provide privacy, not promoting trust and respect - The nurse violated the patient by going into the patients medical records in order to obtain the patient's contact information, and by doing so she violated the patient's privacy by gaining access to confidential medical information. The nurse. was in violation and therefore put her work place in violation by her actions.**

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.

These actions could have been prevented by the nurse because she was taught throughout her years as a nurse that this is a direct violation to patient's privacy (HIPPA), the nurse should have taken appropriate measures to contact the patient if there was a dire need to get in contact with said 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.

As a prudent nurse, the first thing I would do is to report the nurse in this case, because the patient always has a right to privacy under HIPPA. Under no circumstances should anyone look into a patients record with their consent as this is a violation of their privacy. She broke the trust and respect of this patient which directly affected the hospital she worked at. The nurse in question did not act in a professional manner and this is something to must be brought to someone's attention at once.