

Covenant School of Nursing  
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment  
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Thomas Kinder  
DAS Assignment #   1   (1-4)

Date: 09/02/2022

Name of the defendant: Ester Blanco  
number of the defendant: RN 558365

License

Date action was taken against the license: Jan 13, 2017

Type of action taken against the license: Voluntary surrender of liscence

Ester Blanco failed to intervene appropriately when patient had a change in condition during labor and exhibited symptoms including decreased variable absent accelerations and variable decelerations with slow return to baseline in fetal heart rate while experiencing excessive uterine contractions of twelve contractions in twenty minutes. Instead, respondent instructed patient to begin pushing which resulted in the development of fetal asphyxia. Subsequently the infant was apneic for ten minutes at birth and experienced severe brain injury.

*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.*

Ester would have been better served if the Provider would have been on site of the delivery room. If the provider was not available, she should have notified of the changes nurse of the change in statis. The whole time this nurse was left totally alone, and no direction was given. She was never in communication with anyone with the condition of the patients. She had two patients instead of two. At no time did she interact with her peers or any other staff. She failed in evaluation and revision of interventions related to patient symptoms. She did not utilize her resources and enable communication consistent with agency protocols.

*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.*

An open line of communication is prudent and very important. We are a team and need to lean on each other in critical times. She should have swallowed her pride and escalated the situation. Instead, she tried to handle everything herself. Why did no one check on her and ask for a statis report? Where monitors not being used? If they were they should have alerted the nursing station of an emergency. I feel that she felt alone in this and needed help. She was in over her head and no one was there for assistance or guidance.