

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: **Maria Cruz** Date: **9/02/2022**

DAS Assignment # **1**

Name of the defendant: **Nicole Rae Brown** License number of the defendant: **811701**

Date action was taken against the license: **7/25/2019**

Type of action taken against the license: **Reprimand with Stipulations**

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.

- *On or about August 15th, the nurse failed to notify the physician and or charge nurse when a post-surgery patient experienced a change in condition. The patient's oxygen saturation and dropped and his surgically reattached hand became dusker, she failed to notify anyone for approximately two and a half hours. That same day the patient was returned to surgery and the hand was ultimately amputated 10 days later. The conduct from the respondent exposed the patient to risk of harm by depriving the physical of vital information that would be required to institute timely medical interventions to stabilize the patient's condition.*
- *-On or about august 15th the respondent failed to document in the medical record of the patient regarding change in condition, including oxygen saturation readings or details about circulation checks on the affected extremity, Respondents conduct resulted in an incomplete medical record and was likely to injure the patient in that subsequent care givers would not have accurate and complete information on which to base their decisions*

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.

- *The nurse failed to inform either the charge nurse or physician concerning the decline in the patient's condition. The nurse also failed to properly check and document the circulatory condition of the patient's hand. In shift report, the nurse was informed about the condition of the hand, from this the nurse should had used her better judgment and made it a priority to diligently check on the patient, ensuring there was adequate blood flow into the extremity. By failing to both report and chart these changes, the nurse deprived the patient from any timely medical intervention that could had been done in that moment,*

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 I had been a witness to the treatment of the patient provided by the nurse, I would have intervened by confronting the nurse concerning her lack of care, and or questioned her actions. If this intent had failed and I still felt as if the patient was at risk, I would have escalated my concerns to my charge nurse and or nurse practitioner if one were available.*