

Covenant School of Nursing  
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment  
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Amber Peters

Date: 9-9-2022

DAS Assignment # 2

Name of the defendant: Steven W. Newton

License number of the defendant: 708441

Date action was taken against the license: November 11, 2013

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.*

This gentleman was essentially charged with drug diversion. His first charge was withdrawing multiple controlled substances including narcotics but failed to document the administration of these medications, including the patient's signs, symptoms, and responses to the medications. His second charge was that he failed to follow the wastage protocols concerning these controlled substances that he withdrew from the Pyxis. His third charge was that he documented giving patients these controlled substances when he had never withdrawn the medications from the Pyxis under their MAR accounts.

*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.*

Professionalism, Safety and Security, and Caring are the universal competencies that he violated. With Safety and Security he violated the six rights of medication administration. He did not document his medications that he gave in the MAR correctly and did not document any follow-up assessments or the patients' reactions to said medications. He also did not waste medications appropriately. He violated ALL of the three checks of medication administration when he either pulled medications out from the wrong patients and documented giving other patients medications that were not pulled from under their MAR. He obviously was not checking his orders throughout the administration of the medications. He violated caring because these patients probably did not receive their pain and anxiety medications. So the patients under this nurse's care might have been hurting unnecessarily. His patients were also at a higher risk of drug overdoses because the nurse on the shift after his could have given these patients more pain medications unknowingly because the medications they were given were not documented. I included professionalism as well because all of these actions violate the trust that people put in us as nurses.

*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.*

Upon discovery of this gentleman's discrepancies a prudent nurse would have alerted his or her charge nurse immediately on discovery. His patients could have been in danger and our duty is to protect our patients. It might be hard to report on someone that you have a professional relationship with but it would be necessary.