

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Thalia Cole

Date: 9/9/22

DAS Assignment # 2

Name of the defendant: Cara Candelaria Barrera

License number of the defendant: 784854

Date action was taken against the license: 10/09/19

Type of action taken against the license: Surrender 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.

- The RN failed to document the control substance Alprazolam on the EMAR and failed to also document any notes if the patient took any medication on the control substance.
- The RN did not put accurate count of the control substance that was taken and was deceitful to the pharmacy on the current count on the control substance.
- The RN failed to have another RN witness the waste of multiple times when handling a control substance.
- The RN misappropriated 53 control substances tablets and 1 syringe, therefore she was likely defrauding the hospital.
- Her professionalism failed on her dishonesty on the medication counts and errors.
- She put the patient at risk by not preventing an overdose from occurring by neglecting to document the medication taken out for the patient.

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 the documentation section on the Universal Competencies. The recording of data required by, or pertinent to, the designated situation. In the critical elements section, under the section on failing to document on the Electronic Medical Record and follow the protocols on recording the data on the medication being drawn out and given to patient.
- The nurse failed under the professional performance role on. The RN failed on the Implement professional roles with responsibility and accountability by not using legal, ethical, and professional standards. The RN was dishonest on her actions to the hospital, co workers, and most importantly the patient.

- The nurse was careless on not documenting any possible control substance to the 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.

- A prudent nurse would follow facilities policy on having a witness present when wasting a control substance. The nurse would document on the EMAR that the medication was given to the patient to prevent any overdose if another nurse goes behind her to give the medication if it wasn't documented. The nurse would not be careless when preparing the medication and not try to purposely waste medication. The nurse would not be dishonest to the workplace or the patient at any time, especially dealing with control substance. If the prudent nurse sees the actions of the nurse above did, she would report it immediately.