

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name:

Date:

DAS Assignment # 2 (1-4)

Ashly Alvarado

11/4/12

Name of the defendant:

License number of the defendant:

Rachel Blair Herring

RN 769755

Date action was taken against the license: 8-8-2017

Type of action taken against the license: Revoked

Rachel Herring had three charges against her on December 12, 2015 that took place at Memorial Hermann Hospital in Sugar Land, Texas. The first charge against Rachel is that she falsely documented that she provided care to a post-partum patient. Rachel's second charge was for not assessing a patient with a blood pressure of 88/51 for four hours. The last charge was for not assess a patients pain for seven hours after the patients just had given birth.

The universal competency that I feel former nurse Rachel has violated is critical thinking, human caring, and documentation. Rachel's violated critical thinking by not prioritizing her task and not doing any focused assessments on her patients that were in obvious distress. Thankfully, her patient with a blood pressure of 88/51 became stable without further harm from Rachel's carelessness. I'm not sure if Rachel was extremely busy that day and she wasn't able to give adequate care to her patients or if she was being unprofessional and lazy, but these violations and actions taken against her licenses could have been easily prevented by communication with coworkers that she needed help with her task. By Rachel communicating with co-workers she could've delegated the pain meds and bed side care to another nurse while she focused on the patient with a blood pressure of 88/51.

As the prudent nurse discovering the events that took place, I would have immediately went to the patient's room with the low blood pressure and reassess their vitals to make sure they're stable. After getting the patient stable, I'd immediately go report the nurse.