

# Covenant School of Nursing

## Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

### Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Katie Dunn Date: 11/11/22

DAS Assignment # 3 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Brenda Jean Balderson License number of the defendant: 738511

Date action was taken against the license: May 5, 2017

Type of action taken against the license: Voluntary surrender, along with suspension and probation

*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.*

While working a coworker asked Brenda to check on one of her patients, when she entered the room, she found the patient unresponsive, yellow, cyanotic, and they did not have a pulse or respirations. Instead of starting CPR and calling a code she left the room to check his code status. He was a full code and ended up passing.

*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.*

I think that better training could have helped to avoid this situation. Brenda might not have known whether to call a code or not since it was not her patient and not knowing their code status. I think the hospital could have had a better system so that she wouldn't have been on the fence on whether to code them. The hospital could have DNR bracelets, so everyone is aware and there is no possibility of this confusion and someone losing their life over that type of incident. I also think that if the patient was doing bad to the point of coding, the patients actual nurse should have checked on them instead of sending another nurse to do it. I think the communication universal competency was violated leading up to the incident because she was not aware of the patient's needs (the hospital having DNR bracelets or markers of some kind would have helped), the professional role competency was also one that was violated because as a nurse she should have stayed and helped and not left the patient alone to go check, the critical thinking universal competency was violated on her part, and the universal competency of safety and security for that patient was violated when she failed to start CPR when she found them unresponsive.

*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.*

Me, as the prudent nurse would have called a code and started CPR immediately to try and help the patient as soon as possible. I would focus on the patient and worry about reporting and talking to the nurse who left them there after I had done all I could for that patient. We don't know how long they had been unresponsive before she had walked in there, those few minutes that she left to check his status, could very well be the reason that patient lost their life.