

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Katy Needham

Date: 1/19/23

DAS Assignment # 1 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Leona Yager Alexander

License number of the defendant: 576943

Date action was taken against the license: August 6th, 2013

Type of action taken against the license: revoked by the board but she ended up voluntarily surrendering

Use the space below to describe the events which led to the action(s) 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.

In February of 2013 Mrs. Alexander pleaded guilty for possession of less than one gram of methamphetamine. She was ordered to pay fines, a court fee, and serve two years probation. Prior too this offense Mrs. Alexander pled guilty to theft four separate times. She was charged with a class B misdemeanor and a class A misdemeanor. The TBON revoked the license due to a risk of Mrs. Alexander working under the influence and being a threat to patient's safety.

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.

Obviously if the nurse did not do methamphetamine she would not have been in the situation in the first place. Perhaps maybe instead of revoking the license they could have mandated rehab for her and once she was clean for so long she could start practicing again if she constantly got drug tested.

Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.

I believe that critical thinking and professional role were violated. Mrs. Alexander violated those by doing drugs that alters her ability to critically think and perform to the best of her ability. If she was professional she would not even be taking the drug because she knows it alters her ability to perform.

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.

As a prudent nurse in this situation I believe reporting it to the nursing manager/HR would be the correct action to take. If you suspect a fellow nurse is under the influence you have a responsibility to protect patients and report them.