

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Triston Colquett Date: 1/19/2023

DAS Assignment # 1

Name of the defendant: Deborah Cruse License number of the defendant: 824386

Date action was taken against the license: 8/13/2019

Type of action taken against the license: Revoked

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 2014, The respondent was involved in a Controlled substance discrepancy investigation. She also refused to count the narcotics of incoming psych patients. She was found on video surveillance taking a bottle of pills out of the medicine room not during med pass time. She was drug tested and tested positive for hydrocodone 3 and amphetamine 4, she was not prescribed the amphetamine. She was also committed of unprofessional conduct. The respondent filed a motion for rehearing in December 2018.

So in this case she was charged with drug diversion, and unprofessional conduct in the work place. Her license was revoked in November of 2018.

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.

I think a lot could of gone in to preventing the nurse from having her license revoked. Even though I do see where the board of nursing is coming from in their reasoning for revoking her license, I believe that changes throughout her career could have prevented her license from being revoked. She had a major drug problem that caused her to steal drugs from her place of employment, This could have been prevent if the nurse would have surrendered herself to peer to peer help when she realized she was addicted to pain killers and thinking about stealing the narcotics from work. I feel like the emotional harm to her patients could have been prevented by her employer taking extra steps into making sure that the respondent was not impaired cognitively and that her judgment was the right judgment. She was also found unprofessional for not wanting to treat the patients at Montana state hospital because they were they as part of their criminal acts. So she could have been more professional of a nurse and treated the patient like she would anyone else instead of judging them by what they had done outside of the hospital. Also she could harmed the patients physically due to them not getting the meds they needed that she took for her personal use.

Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.

Professional interactions- She violated this by being unprofessional with patients and other nurses by saying some of the psych patients weren't crazy but possessed by demons. Also by making religious gestures to some of the patients.

Patient confidentiality- she violated this by talking about her patients records with other nurses and looking into each patient on the floors background to see why they were at the hospital being treated, finding out that each of her patients had committed a criminal act and then didn't want to treat them after finding out they were criminals.

Safety and Security (emotional) and (physical)- she violated these by providing a unsafe environment for her patients by not being cognitively ready to take care of her patients. Her drug problem came first to her and her patients safety and well being second. She violated the safety and security emotionally by using religious gestures towards her patients and treating them differently because of their crimes. She really could of hurt a patient psychologically and physically

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, I would first like to stop the first action from ever happening at the hospital center she worked at in Arizona, Where she decided to steal the pills. A prudent nurse would have turned her in and possibly tried to prevent the medications from being taken in the first place by keeping a closer eye on the nurse in question because of her history of prescribed drugs and drug abuse. In the case of the montana state hospital, I would of as the prudent nurse taken the initiative to confront her about how she was speaking about the patients and tell her that they are at the hospital to receive care just like everyone else. It doesn't matter what they have done, they are sick and need our help and we should be more than willing to help them. I also would of reported her to the hospital director, to see if they would sit her down and talk to her before the matters got worse.