

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Vanette Martinez

Date: 01/26/22

DAS Assignment # 2 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Susan Marie Allen

License number of the defendant: 521469

Date action was taken against the license: 16th day of December 2014

Type of action taken against the license: Warning with stipulation

Susan M. Allen was employed in the Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital, Rockwall, TX when the incident took place. She was on call duty which means if the hospital needs her help, they will immediately call Sabinus I. Akas. During call duty the nurse should not be consuming drugs or alcohol but in this case Sabinus I. Akas consumed Butalbital which made her drug screen come out positive and she also consumed alcohol. Consuming Butalbital without a prescription and alcohol during call duty is a violation.

Call duty can be different, but nurses need to be responsible as if they would be in the hospital setting because they need to be aware of any changes in with the patient health. Sabinus I. Akas ability was not the same due to her consumption of Butalbital and alcohol and this could severely harm any patient. This could impair the ability for the nurse to recognize any changes in the patients' health condition or deteriorate the patient's condition. No patients were harmed since Sabinus I. Akas confessed her alcohol consumption and she said she confused her medications which lead her to take Butalbital.

Universal competencies should be followed while being on call duty. They were couple of universal competencies that were not followed by Sabinus I. Akas such as, safety and security, standard precaution, critical thinking, and professional role. Safety and security were violated since she could have put the patient's health condition at risk because her ability to function was not the same. Standard precautions were missed because she could not have done any precaution correctly due to the consumption, she had done during call duty. The decision making could have potential problems for the patients due to not having the correct medication, dilution or syringe size if needed. Lastly, Sabinus I. Akas professional role appearance was violated since she technically was consuming alcohol and drugs while being on duty.

As a student nurse, being professional is taken into strict consideration. Consuming alcohol or drugs during work hours can harm the nurse's license. In this case no patients were harmed because Sabinus I. Akas confessed her consumption but what if she hadn't done so? The patient's life could have had been put at risk. I would have never consumed alcohol while being on call duty because I need to have the ability to be able to go back to work and care for any patient the way they deserve.