

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Date: 01-27-2023

DAS Assignment # 2 (1-4)

Kristen Gustafson

Name of the defendant: Vanessa D Arcenas

License number of the defendant: 864352

Date action was taken against the license: MAY 13, 2016

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.

Vanessa's license was revoked due to gross negligence and unprofessional conduct. She worked at a dialysis unit and was the only nurse present, with 5 patients actively receiving dialysis and a few PCTS were working under her. Vanessa left the building for over 30 minutes, without another RN being present to care for the patients. The PCTS claimed they did not know her whereabouts, but knew she had left.

-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.

Vanessa had already taken two 30 minute breaks while another RN was there to oversee the patients. She stated that she went outside to pick up something from her boyfriend. She should have arranged, whatever it was she needed, to be delivered inside the building where she could safely oversee her patients.

-Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.

Safety and security - leaving patients unattended without licensed caregiver present.

Human Caring - Not keeping the best interest of her patients at the forefront.

Professional Role- Breaking policy and acting unprofessionally and irresponsibly.

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.

I would have immediately called her direct supervisor and would have reported it to the board of nursing.