

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Nicholas Castilleja

Date: 02/02/2023

DAS Assignment # ____3____ (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Caleb Nyaanga Arika

License number of the defendant: 941419

Date action was taken against the license: 5/12/2020

Type of action taken against the license: Warning with Stipulations and Fine

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.

The nurse made documentation errors in two patient's medical records. One instance, he falsely documented in a progress note that he administered "bedtime medication" when the patient did not have any medications that were required at that time. The next instance, he falsely documented in a patient's progress note, that the patient has asthma, a wound, is diabetic and receiving insulin, and had his vitals checked. The nurse also stated that he used the same template for every patient in order to clock out on time. His haste to clock out caused these documentation errors, as well as many other possible errors in patient's charts.

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.

The nurse should have correctly documented all the medication administration from the very start. Also, the nurse should not have put false information, such as the patient is a diabetic and has asthma. The nurse charted in haste to clock out on time, without putting patient safety first. If amount of workload was an issue, the nurse should have reached out to his immediate supervisor, letting him know that his performance and accuracy are being affected. This led to poor patient care on his part.

Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.

The nurse violated the 7 rights for medication administration. Documentation was a critical error because he created a template that he used to generate patient's charts, without changing information, which created errors. The nurse also violated documentation core competency by not saving all documentation that was performed, and instead using a template.

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 notified the supervisor that is in charge of the nurse of the possible inaccuracies in documentation. I then would have taken action to ensure that the patients that were affected by the documentation were assessed correctly and notified the supervisor of any additional findings upon assessment and ensured that everything was documented.