

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Macie Gonzales
DAS Assignment # 3

Date: 2/3/2023

Name of the defendant: Ester C. Blanco License number of the defendant: 558365

Date action was taken against the license: January 13, 2017

Type of action taken against the license: Voluntary Surrender

- 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.

On October 18, 2014 the Respondent Ester C. Blanco failed to intervene when patient SG had a change in status during labor. The symptoms that the Respondent failed to act on included absent acceleration, slow return of fetal heart rate and variable deceleration all while experiencing 12 contractions in 20 minutes. Instead of acting on the symptoms the nurse chose to instruct the patient to begin pushing resulting in the fetus developing asphyxia that lead the infant to be apneic for 10 minutes. The infant was left with a severe brain injury.

- 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 not have told the patient to push when she saw that the symptoms were not indicative of safe and successful labor. On the other hand the nurse should have paid closer attention to the signs that the fetus was in distress and called for an emergency C-section.

- Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.

One of the main universal competencies that were violated in this case were 'Safety and Security' and 'Critical Thinking'. The nurse did not ensure the safety of the patient when she chose to ignore the signs that the patient was in a decline. The nurse did not use her knowledge with the symptoms and signs to intervene and prevent injury to the patient and the fetus resulting in physical injury to the fetus and emotional damage to the patient. She lacked in her 'Professional Role' as well when she did not use the resources that she had on hand to help ensure the safety of her patient.

- 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.

If I were the prudent nurse and I was made aware that my peer made a mistake to this magnitude I would encourage her to report herself first. If she did not I would make the decision to report what I had seen and let my CN know. I would do my best to give my peer the appropriate amount of time to make our superior aware of the incident but I would document my findings immediately.