

Covenant School of Nursing  
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment  
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Kristen Gustafson    Date: 2/3/23

DAS Assignment # 3

Name of the defendant: Beverly Ann Clark

License number of the defendant:

RN 581873

LVN 132024

Date action was taken against the license: July 25, 2016

Type of action taken against the license: Voluntary Surrender / License Suspension

*-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.*

Drug Diversion- Beverly failed to document the administration of Hydrocodone to one or more patients. She did not follow policy on the correct way to waste un-needed narcotics (Hydrocodone, in this case). She also misappropriated the wrong amount of medicine and acted in a negligent way to prevent this from happening. Beverly admitted that she was taking the medication for herself.

*-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 believe Beverly did the right thing in admitting her problem and surrendering her license. This suspension gives her the opportunity to complete a drug program and try to overcome her addiction and drug dependency. This is a great example of how the Pyxis machines are a great way to catch misappropriation of medication and drug diversions.

*-Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.*

Safety and Security- Dose (potentially wrong dose given)

Documentation- failing to appropriately document medication

Critical Thinking – decision making

Professional Role- failed to act in a professional manner

*-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 had seen this nurse take the hydrocodone for herself, I would have immediately informed the charge nurse to ensure her patients safety, as well as reporting the incident to the TBON.