

Covenant School of Nursing  
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment  
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Catherine Huber      Date: 2-9-23      DAS Assignment # 4 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Catherine Page      License number of the defendant: 752884

Date action was taken against the license: April 21, 2016

Type of action taken against the license: Warning with Stipulations

*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.*

She said she wasn't good to work due to "her use of prescribed controlled medications," and was in the hospital for "concerns of substance abuse." She wasn't in a fit state to work due to being drowsy, not being able to keep her eyes open and having slurred speech. She provided a urine specimen that was positive for Barbiturates.

*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.*

To prevent action being taken against her license, she should not have taken Barbiturates or had the symptoms that impeded her judgement and ability to do her job. She should not have come to work if she was high on Barbiturates and unable to do her job.

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

The safety and security universal competency was violated because she broke her patient's trust by not being in her right mind to do her job. The critical thinking universal competency was violated because she did not make the right decision in using Barbiturates and still coming to work. The professional role universal competency was violated because she did not act professionally by showing up to work and being under the influence of Barbiturates.

*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 a nurse suspected her coworker of being under the influence of Barbiturates, a prudent nurse would find the coworker and tell her charge nurse or nurse manager immediately. She should find the coworker immediately because they should not be working if they are under the influence of something. The charge nurse or nurse manager would be able to facilitate next steps.