

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Macie Gonzales Date: 2-9-23 DAS Assignment #4

Name of the defendant: Nicole Sascha Christopher

License number of the defendant: 881380

Date action was taken against the license: October 4, 2016

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 July 13, 2016, Nicole Christopher, failed to document properly following the withdrawal of fentanyl from the pyxis. The Respondent also did not follow the policy and procedure of wastage of the unused medication thus failed to take precautions and prevent the misuse of medication.

- 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 followed the policy regarding pain medication and documented correctly in order to prevent her from facing repercussions.

- Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.

By the nurse not performing the correct policy regarding fentanyl and not providing proper documentation 'Safety and Security' portion of universal competencies was violated. The nurse also violated the 'Professional Role' by not conducting herself with integrity when she did not follow her medication administration guidelines.

- Use the space below to describe what action you think a prudent nurse would take as the first 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 I would instruct my peer to discard the medication and document that she did so. After that I would let my charge nurse know and ask what the best course of action would be. If I were to witness this again I would politely remind her about the rules of handling this medication and I would let my charge nurse know what has gone on again.