

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Veronica Loera
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Date: 03-23-2023

DAS Assignment #

Name of the defendant: Darla Brown

License number of the defendant: RN 629349

Date action was taken against the license: 07/19/2007

Type of action taken against the license: Suspend/Probate

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 March 4th, 2005, Darla Brown plead guilty to "Possession of Controlled Substance", that was committed on July 25th 2004. Darla Brown had to be under community supervision for 4 years with fines and court costs of \$1,353.00. She was also ordered to attend a substance abuse program 2 times a week for 1 year, along with 100 hours of required community service. Her driver's licence was suspended for 180 days. She also had to successfully complete the TPAPN Program.

Brown, Darla (2015) plead guilty to "Interfering with an Emergency Call," a class A Misdemeanor (committed on July 25th, 2004) She was under supervision for 18 months with court fines of \$976.00. She was ordered 40 hours of community service with classes that included: Anger Management, Relapse Prevention, Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous, and A Drug Offenders Program.

Brown, Darla (2006) Possession of Methamphetamine.

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.

As soon as she felt she wanted to turn to drugs, she should of turned to someone she trusts and could confide in to talk about how she is feeling, or what she is going through and seek help. Had she done so, she could of avoided a lot of problems, avoided a lot of court fines, and stress. You should never interfere with someone making an emergency call unless you are trying to help. This could have been preventing by letting the individual call for help.

Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.

Physical Safety and Security. Darla Brown, being under the influence of drugs, threatens a patient's well being. While under the influence of drugs a lot of critical mistakes can be made. A nurse under the influence could give a patient the wrong medication or wrong dose that could harm the patient or even cause death. Restricting an individual from getting emergency help could ultimately lead to death.

Emotional Security. Interfering with an Emergency Call trying to be made by an individual, was not giving the individual emotional security. That individual was probably under panic.

Critical Elements. This nurse being under the influence, did not protect by interfering with an Emergency Call, and being under the influence of narcotics could impair the nurses decisions regarding appropriate patient care.

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.

Depending on the severity of the patient, having to call a code blue, or notifying a charge nurse when noticing the patient has been in pain for a while, after seeing the nurse was supposed to be giving pain medication and patients pain has not subsided. Those are clues the nurse probably was not giving the patient pain medication. If patient was alert and oriented, I would ask their pain scale, how long they have been in pain, ask if they have been given any medication while checking their vitals and looking at documentation.

If I noticed a nurse that appeared under the influence, I would notify the charge nurse right away.