

Covenant School of Nursing  
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment  
Instructional Module 2

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DAS Assignment # 1

**Name of the defendant:** Brook Lynn Roark

**License number of the defendant:** 899105

**Date action was taken against the license:** February 1, 2021

**Type of action taken against the license:** Misappropriated Dilaudid belonging to the facility and patients.

**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.**

*Brook Roark, a nurse in Texas was misusing Dilaudid (morphine) a narcotic that is used for patients in the hospital setting for high pain. Nurse Roark was stealing this medication for self-use. She stated that she would not take the drug at work but would use it at home, she would come to work under the influence and would exceed to take on responsibilities of a nurse, she neglected patient care because she was not in the correct state of mind to make decisions concerning patients' conditions.*

**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 learning the basics in nursing school about misusing medications to prevent from endangering the license you work so hard for, that should be the first thing that comes to mind working and dedicating your life to help people that are in need. Actions to take is to admit yourself into TPAPN, seek help. If the nurse is using medications to release stress, one should seek medical attention instead of self-diagnosing. Understanding the outcome of patients in endangerment while under your supervision.*

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

*Misusing medications*

*The nurse had been stealing dilaudud a narcotic for self-use, coming into work while under the influence taking care of patients and incapable of carrying out a nurse's duties.*

**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.**

To have found the nurse's incapacity or the patient who had been mistreated. I would let the charge nurse know that the nurse who is using drugs improperly and reporting to work is unable to care for her patients and cannot make decisions based on the state of those patients.