

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Carmen Garcia

Date: 3/20/23

DAS Assignment # 1 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Megan Rose Anderau

License number of the defendant: 795026

Date action was taken against the license: November 10th, 2015

Type of action taken against the license: Revoked

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.

The nurse in this case was found to be diverting one-hundred and forty-nine tablets of 10 milligram hydrocodone pills from two different patients. The respondent was then asked to take a drug test which resulted positive for opiates. The use of opiates without a prescription is illegal. Both behaviors led to the disciplinary action.

- ***Diversion***

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.

In the order, it states that the opportunity for compliance was given to the nurse but she still failed to comply. I think the nurse could have taken advantage of the opportunity and did what was in her power. I believe in this case there wasn't much the nurse could have done due to what the violation was in the first place. As a nurse, she should have known and realized how severe the consequences of her actions would be.

Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.

In my opinion, I believed she violated the human caring part of the universal competencies by not treating her patients with respect and dignity. She was not doing what was in the best interest of the patient. She also failed to maintain trust with her patients the moment she took advantage of her position and theirs therefore violating the patient and their safety and security which is also part of the universal competencies.

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 put in that position I would report the situation and the nurse as soon as I knew about it or suspected it. Our job is to care for our patients first and foremost. As a nurse, there is no reason we should cause harm to our patients and ruin their experience and chances for ever trusting the people that are supposed to be there to help. Integrity goes a long way and I wouldn't think twice about reporting it.