

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Clarissa O'Neal

Date: 03/24/2023

DAS Assignment #1

Name of the defendant: Jennifer Lynn Amos

License number of the defendant: 658308

Date action was taken against the license: August 6th 2013

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.

On or about December 15, 2007, the nurse refused to submit a drug screen after two doses of stadol she removed could not be accounted for. She admitted to diverting stadol and nubain from St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville, Illinois, and she tested positive in a subsequent drug screening. The following year she was terminated from Memorial Hospital in Belleville, Illinois after violating the back to work agreement, by failing to schedule counseling sessions.

In 2008, the nurse was placed on Definite Suspension for a period of three months, and then she was placed on Indefinite Probation for a minimum of 3 years with terms and conditions and monthly required drug testing. I believe she relocated to Texas, because on July 6, 2012 the Illinois Board of Nursing came to the decision of Indefinitely Suspending the defendant for not complying with the Consent Order from 2008.

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.

I think that this nurse could have reached out for help if she was having a hard time with a drug addiction. However, I know that it may be easier said than done to reach out for help with an addiction. Thankfully the hospital was able to notice that the drug missing was not accounted for by her, and they were able to catch her before she made a mistake on a patient while being drugged up.

Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.

Safe quality care was violated when the nurse decided to engage in using drugs, whether it be in or outside of work.

Legal responsibility was violated, because she did not act in accordance with the terms and contracts of employment and other rules and regulations.

The code of ethics for was violated by this nurse, as her actions are deemed unethical.

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.

I would immediately go the authorities, and get them involved. I may even speak with the nurse and ask her what her thinking was for taking part in this action, though I do not think me asking her why is my job.