

Covenant School of Nursing  
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment  
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Ashley Baigen    Date: 4/6/2023    DAS Assignment # 3 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Randall Parish    License number of the defendant: 717509

Date action was taken against the license: June 12, 2020

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 May 11, 2019, Registered nurse Randall Parish was the nurse of a patient with a history of brain surgery, prior stroke, and was on a blood thinner for her medical conditions. Under the nurse's care the patient had fallen and sustained a raised bump on the back of her head. The nurse failed to assess the patient, take the patient's vitals, and check the patient's neurological status after the fall happened. Charge II and III the nurse failed to notify the physician and failed to document the patient's vital signs and neurological status. The nurse failed when he continued to let the patient sleep while the patient had an elevated heart rate and respirations. The patient experienced respirations of 42 and was unresponsive to pain stimuli and was transferred to the hospital where they had an emergency surgery for a brain hemorrhage.

*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.*

Measures that could have been prevented would have been the nursing making sure they called the physician to let the physician know what is going on with their patient, making sure they are receiving updates. If the nurse had documented the vital signs, it could have been avoided, the nurse could have reassessed the vital signs to double check. If the nurse knew the vital signs were abnormal, she should have let her charge nurse know and go from there instead she continued to let the patient sleep.

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

Universal competencies that were violated were critical thinking, the nurse did not use her best judgment when it came to the patient. The nurse violated the documentation in universal competencies when the nurse failed to document the patient's vital signs and neurologic status. The nurse violated the human caring role when she never checks on the patient or reassessed her vital signs. The nurse violated her professional role due to the lack of communication with the physician.

*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.*

Anyone who has a patient with a history of many things and then experiences a hard fall. They would want to make sure they assess their vital signs, look for any bumps or lumps, ask them questions to see their level of consciousness, assess any pain they are feeling. I would make sure I am checking on that patient more frequently just to make sure they are okay.