

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: **Shayla-Marie Brown**

Date: **04/07/2023**

DAS Assignment #3

Name of the defendant: **Jennifer Bagwell**

License number of the defendant: **AP#118728 & RN#692657**

Date action was taken against the license: **11/13/2018**

Type of action taken against the license: **Suspended**

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.

Jennifer Bagwell was a registered nurse and a Certified Nurse Anesthetist licensed to practice in the state of Texas. While employed in Waxahachie, Texas as a Certified Nurse Anesthetist, Mrs. Bagwell was ordered to pull a medication from the dispensing system and pulled more than what was originally ordered. When management was notified of this, they questioned Mrs. Bagwell for her actions. Mrs. Bagwell then replied that she “needed help.” This proved she was diverting medications and violated patient medication safety. While employed at The Hope Clinic in Waxahachie, Texas Mrs. Bagwell was able to manipulate a telephonically communicated prescription system and obtain medication that she was not prescribed. After being questioned yet again about her conduct, Mrs. Bagwell stated that she had become addicted to opiates after receiving multiple surgeries after her pregnancy. Mrs. Bagwell was again convicted of medication 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.

Mrs. Bagwell could have prevented her license from being suspended if she sought help once she recognized her dependency on these medications. Mrs. Bagwell had a duty as a nurse to take care of herself and prioritize her unhealthy medication dependency instead of putting herself in a situation she could not control herself in.

Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.

Mrs. Bagwell violated the safety and security of her patient by diverting their medication. By not documenting the medications properly, this patient risked being overdosed due to the lack of documentation. She also violated human caring by not recognizing that her dependency could have potentially cost her patient their life if another nurse had not realized

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 I was working on the floor with Mrs. Bagwell and noticed the discrepancies in the patients chart, I would first ensure the patients safety then immediately notify the proper chain of command. I would then do what I am directed to do with the patient whether that is to verify their vital signs or other assessments to see if they are overdosing or any other abnormalities.