

Covenant School of Nursing  
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment  
Instructional Module 2

**Student Name:** Makayla Cruz      **Date:** 3/20/2023      **DAS Assignment #** \_\_3\_\_ (1-4)

**Name of the defendant:** Elizabeth Opal Cooke      **License number of the defendant:**  
814632

**Date action was taken against the license:** February 14, 2017

**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.**

*In this documentation it mentions why former nurse Elizabeth Opal Cooke got her licensed revoked. Elizabeth was currently employed as an RN with Baylor Scott and White Hillcrest Medical Center in Waco, Texas when she got her licensed revoked. Around June 10, 2016, the document states that, that Elizabeth did not practice her nursing skills. Also is mentions that on this date some white box, syringes, hair band, and a spoon were found in her purse. Then her bag was tested for Methamphetamine, and the test came back positive. Another reason Elizabeth got her licensed revoked is because she did not give a report before leaving her shift This is just very irresponsible and careless This can cause problems for the nurse that is coming in and for the patients that Elizabeth was caring for.*

**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 believe there are a few things that could have prevented Elizabeth from getting her licensed revoked. One thing she could have done to prevent this is by reporting herself to the hospital and confessing that she was stealing or even on drugs. Now I do believe she still should and would be punished for this but maybe she would have not gotten her license completely revoked. Another way she could have prevented this is just by taking the time and being responsible by giving a report to the nurse that was coming in for her shift. It was Elizabeth's job*

*to do this and by not doing this she could have possibly caused harm to her patients, because the new nurse for that shift was unaware of what was going on. Also, if another nurse saw Elizabeth leaving her shift without giving a report, they should've stopped her.*

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

*There were a few universal competencies I had noticed that were violated. One was Professional Role; this was violated by Elizabeth stealing drugs and her failing to report before leaving her shift. She did not show very good appearance as a nurse, also her interactions with her peers seemed careless since she left her shift. She possibly violated Documentation as well. I do not have enough information, but she may have falsely documented and said that she gave a certain patient Methamphetamine, while she was keeping it for herself.*

*Human Caring has also been violated. Since Elizabeth left her shift early and did not give her report, she may have possibly put her patients in danger. If one patient had a severe condition and the nurse coming in did not know about it, then the patient may have not gotten the treatment they needed right away. This may also fall under Safety and Security. Overall, Elizabeth did not seem to care enough about her patients to stay and give a report to the nurse.*

***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 the nurse who caught Elizabeth stealing or taking Methamphetamine, then I would report her to the charge nurse. Also, if I were a nurse working with her, I would possibly notice some strange behavior from her, because you are not physically or mentally well when you are on drugs. Another thing I may do is assess her patients and see if any of them were prescribed to take Methamphetamine, if it was overall approved to do so by the charge nurse. I would do this just to ensure the patients safety and see if they have or had not been given the medication. Lastly if I noticed Elizabeth leaving her shift before giving a report, I would confront her and say she should probably stay and wait for the nurse to come in and take her shift.*