

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Star H. Date: 04-07-23

DAS Assignment # 3 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Jennifer Hawn

License number of the defendant: 777304

Date action was taken against the license: 03/10/15

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 removed morphine from the pyxis for a patient, who later declined receiving the medication. The nurse had asked another registered nurse to waste the medication with her but she had gotten busy and stated the medication “fell into the locked part of the cart” and she could not get it back out. On another occasion the nurse did not chart giving morphine to her patient in the EMAR. She also came to work and had slurred speech. The Hospital ended up drug testing her and the test came back invalid and the nurse was terminated

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.

The nurse just needed to waste her medication correctly to protect herself and other patients. She also could have documented correctly to ensure the patients chart was up to date so other health care providers could know what was going on with the patient. She should have taken the time to waste the medication before proceeding to give other medications to other patients. This nurse neglected her role as a nurse as well as protecting her patients.

Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.

The nurse ignored the 7 rights of medication by not documenting correctly and updating the patient's chart. She did not provide trust or respect towards her patient by not documenting and this could have lead to the patient getting a double dose of morphine and possibly overdosing on the medication. The nurse should have prioritized wasting the medication before proceeding with other patients so she could have protected herself as well as her patient. If someone saw that the med was pulled they would probably assume it was given to the patient. The nurse showed lack of professionalism in her role as a nurse and did not maintain a safe healing environment for the patient. Her decision making lead her to

lose her license and if she only followed the procedures correctly she would not have been in this position. Her actions left her to be untrusted and respected as well.

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.

A nurse with who takes her role seriously would have taken the morphine and made sure it was wasted and documented correctly. She would have taken time to document that her patient had denied the morphine so the chart would be up to date. If I had discovered this I would make sure the charge nurse was aware of this situation. Yes, the nurse abused her role but shes also human and obviously needed help and awareness to what she was doing. Overall the patients safely is at the highest priority!