

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Eric Andrade

Date: April 14, 2023

DAS Assignment # 4

Name of the defendant: Douglas Gene Nelon

License number of the defendant: 607731

Date action was taken against the license: 4/9/2021

Type of action taken against the license: Voluntary Surrender

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.

As a nurse, Mr. Nelon was aware that you cannot prescribe anything without an HCP order. He could have avoided having to lose his license. As the patient's O2 saturation had decreased, the nurse provided Versed and Fentanyl. Following drug administration, the patient's oxygen level decreased even more. Due to this situation the patient had a very high chance of going into cardiac or respiratory arrest. He next attempted to reverse the effects of the fentanyl by administering a reversal drug, but he once more lacked an HCP order for this request.

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 most crucial lesson you learn as a nursing student is to never administer any drug without a doctor's prescription. He ought to have taken that into consideration and avoided from self-diagnosing the patient. Instead of giving a patient a narcotic, oxygen should have been given if their oxygen saturation had fallen. Placing the patient in a situation where they could die or suffer damage.

Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.

Safety and Security: Was breached, 7rights of Med. Admin. Was not preformed.

Critical Thinking: Was breached, the nurse administered a narcotic without assessing the patient correctly and without an HCP order.

Communication: Was breached, the nurse did not concern the HCP about the patient health.

Human Caring: Was breached, the nurse did not put an effective plan for the patient safety.

Professional Role: Was breached, did not let anyone know what was going on with the patient. Could have let the CN or HCP what was going on.

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 were the nurse who arrived to assist Mr. Nelon and observed that he was administering this medication, I would inquire as to why he was doing so and whether an order had been given for it. Knowing that he lacked an HCP order, I informed the charge nurse right away.