

Covenant School of Nursing  
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment  
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Jessica Campos                      Date:8/24/2023

DAS Assignment # 1

Name of the defendant: Saminthia Rutledge Washington

License number of the defendant: 726570

Date action was taken against the license: November 16, 2018

Type of action taken against the license: Remedial Education

*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 action in which was taken against the RN license held by Saminthia Rutledge Washington were situations of the nurse performing unethical behaviors with a patient. In April of 2018, while employed at Option Care Home Health in Houston, Texas Ms. Washington had an interaction with a patient currently admitted to the oncology floor. During care of this patient the nurse was actively discussing her own personal beliefs about cancer with the patient and the patient's mother. While discussing this, the RN also provided them with her personal business card to a Beauty stand that she herself currently uses, she also was disclosing information with the patient's mother on how to perform an IV and administer medications through the IV on their own, at home.

*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 I believe that should have been taken to prevent such actions being taken against the nurse were being aware of the choices of words that she uses, where she is, the license she holds, as well as being aware of the title ALL nurses hold, like professional and trusting.

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

Universal competencies in which were violated in this care were the professional role along with human caring, were violated because the RN made remarks in front of the patient in ways that could have made them feel dehumanized, humiliated, and belittled the patient. I would also say that communication was violated because the RN was teaching the patient's mother how to do an IV at home and administer medications on their own instead of teaching them the importance and safety of having a medical profession perform such duties, the RN made it seem okay for the mother and patient to do this on their own. While explaining these steps to them I feel as if the nurse implied that she no longer wanted to care for this patient which is why she was teaching them however, in an unethical manner.

*Use the space below to describe what action you think a prudent nurse would take as the first 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?*

As a prudent nurse who was the first person to come across the violation of these universal competencies and overall just unacceptable behavior from an individual would be notifying the charge nurse about the nurse's actions towards her patient and I also would let my nurse manager know as well to assure proper implications will take place.