

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Priscilla Garcia

Date: 08/22/2023

DAS Assignment # 1

Name of the defendant: Vanessa Ann Ash

License number of the defendant: 706840

Date action was taken against the license: 11/01/2012.

Type of action taken against the license: Deferred discipline

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.

- Drug diversion- by taking medication from patients' room and giving them to a separate patient who did not have an order for medication, and also for not wasting medication that needed to be wasted.
- HIPPA violation- by not documenting the medication she administered without a physician's order.

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 if this nurse would have performed her 7 rights of administration rules as well as do the three checks before giving medication to her patient it could have prevented the whole thing. This nurse did not have right patient, therefore it trickled down to her not having the right dose, right reason and so forth. I also strongly believe if this nurse felt overworked or felt as her unit was short staffed it was her responsibility to have a break. Whether that be calling into work or going to the restroom to clear her head. We as nurses have a very strong responsibility to our patients and if we are not level headed or not capable of critical thinking skills needed to preform our job it is our responsibility to communicate that and get the help we need because at the end of the day it is our own license on the line as well as our reputation.*

Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.

- *Safety and security- because nurse did not identify patient, or as previously stated preform her seven rights of medication administration. Nurse believed patient still had a PRN medication and failed to document or recheck reasoning prior to medication admin. Nurse did not promote trust and respect to the two patients listed.*
- *Standard precaution because nurse did not dispose of contaminated items, instead she let contaminated items into patient via IV. Nurse also put syringe filled with medication into her pocket then proceeded to give said medication to one of her patients.*

- *Communication- If nurse would have communicated to patient what medication she was giving, what it was for, and possible side effects of medication as well as patient teaching she would have done a double check on medication and realized she was making an error.*
- *Critical thinking- Nurse had no critical thinking skills as she performed every action listed against her.*
- *Human caring- If patient had a professional human caring relationship with her patients she would have enough background information on her patients to be able to decipher between them and make decisions based on their plan of care.*

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.

- *I believe a prudent nurse discovering the negligence of this registered nurse would immediately notify the charge nurse and physician of the patient of her findings as soon as possible, jump into urgency into checking patient's vitals, recommending and drawing labs for patient, and monitor patient for any adverse reactions. All while providing professional-relationship care to the two patients.*