

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Emma Martin

Date: 08/28/2023

DAS Assignment # _2_ (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Sandra Sue Blackburn

License number of the defendant: 664034

Date action was taken against the license: February 10, 2015

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.

Charged with abandonment:

Ms. Blackburn did not complete her shift, leaving work early and abandoning her patient. Ms. Blackburn had left the patient alone without contacting her supervisor or the parents of the patient.

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 would educate the nurse on policies that require caregivers to stay at bedside until another caregiver could take over. If the nurse is non-compliant then the license should be taken away.

Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.

Human Caring – She did not spend her full shift with the patient and in turn did not listen to or care for the need of this patient.

Safety and Security (emotional) – The nurse did not promote trust in taking care of her patient.

(Physical)- By leaving the patient unattended, the patient's physical wellbeing was put in jeopardy.

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 would first check on my patient and make sure no harm had been done to him/her and that he/she is stable. Then I would report the incident to the charge nurse/nurse manager and tell her in detail what I had discovered regarding the abandonment of the patient.

