

# Covenant School of Nursing

## Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

### Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Brianna Fenton

Date: 08/31/23

DAS Assignment # 3 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Ellen L. Kings

License number of the defendant: 517262

Date action was taken against the license: 11/10/2017

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.*

In the first charge the nurse failed to clean a soiled patient and left him in his dirty bed until he was moved to the PCU. In the second charge the nurse was verbally abusing the patient saying things like "Now what do you want?", "What's wrong with you?", "I can't understand anything you're saying!" and "You need to stop pushing the call light!" (Page 4, charge #2, Kings)

*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 should have changed the patient right when she realized they were soiled, she did not change them because someone else was coming to get them which is unacceptable. Leaving a patient in soiled linen can cause infection, bed sores and other things. It is never acceptable to speak to a patient the way she did and you should never be too lazy to prioritize a task. A patient is in the hospital because they are in need and you should never act as if they are a burden to you.*

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

*The patient's safety and security were violated because the nurse just left them in their soiled linen and did the opposite of promoting trust by the way she talked to them. She violated critical thinking by not prioritizing the task of changing the patient. Lastly, she violated human caring because she very obviously disrespected the patient by the way she was speaking to them and did not listen to the patient's needs when they pressed the call light or needed to be changed.*

*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.*

First off, I would've cleaned the patient immediately. Then I would have told the nurse that it is never acceptable to speak to a patient that way and that we are there to help them, not down them. We are the

patient's caregivers; we are there to help them in any way we can. Lastly, I would let the charge nurse know that she left the patient in the soiled bed and about the way she was speaking to the patient.