

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Patricia Barcas

Date: 8/31/23

DAS Assignment # __2__ (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Matthew Marshall Binko

License number of the defendant: 672649

Date action was taken against the license: 3/8/2019

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.

The nurse had delegated medication administration to a nursing assistance that was unlicensed and wasn't trained to give medications. He had told the unlicensed nursing assistance to give Synthroid and Vitamin D in which she did. Then also forgot to document the medication administration.

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 could have given the medication himself rather than asking someone who clearly doesn't have the knowledge or the license to give the medications. Also he should have waited for the patient to be done with the bedpan so he can give the medication rather than be impatient and have someone else do it.

Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.

Critical thinking, documentation, human caring were the universal competencies that were violated. Critical thinking because he didn't think about the fact that the person who he was instructing to give the medication was a person who wasn't licensed to give medications which means there was a chance that they could've harmed the patient without even knowing it. Documentation because the girl who gave the medication didn't document that the med was given nor did the nurse because again he wasn't the one who gave it. Human caring because he didn't involve himself in the patients care. It's understandable that a nurse is busy but that doesn't mean that he should get another person who's unlicensed to give the medications.

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 was the nurse who had heard that conversation I would immediately call it out and tell him to stop before something bad happens to the patient. I would then tell the charge nurse and let them know of what was about to happen. If I was the nurse who had seen the unlicensed assistance giving the medication I would quickly run to the patients side and take their vitals and make sure the patient is stable before going to the charge nurse and letting them know of what had happened in the patients room.