

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Alina Mills Date: 09/07/2023

DAS Assignment # 3

Name of the defendant: Winona W. McDonald License number of the defendant: 649281

Date action was taken against the license: May 8th, 2012

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.

Charge 1

In 2009, Winona McDonald arrived to work and was seen acting “inappropriately” during a conference. McDonald was also reported to have smelt of alcohol. This deems McDonald as lacking fitness to work and could cause her to miss subtle signs and changes in patient conditions.

Charge 2

McDonald then was tested for a drug screening that day. McDonald was found positive for alcohol. Arriving to work under the influence is very dangerous for the patients due to the impaired mental ability of the nurse.

Charge 3

Later in 2010, McDonald submitted her license renewal and neglected to report that she was arrested and convicted for driving while intoxicated.

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.

McDonald could have prevented her licensing from being revoked if she had been able to abide by her duty to help patients. Patients are at risk when nurses are under the influence of some drugs and alcohol. I would also hope that as a nurse who takes care of people, that she would be able to take care of herself and learn to seek out resources that can help people with alcohol addictions.

Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.

McDonald violated her professional role as a nurse, by arriving to her shift under the influence of alcohol and further disrespecting her patients and her coworker's environment with her inappropriate remarks. She also failed to be honest when renewing her license to the state, by not disclosing her DWI.

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 to find McDonald acting inappropriately and smelt of alcohol, I would be very concerned for her and her patients. I would immediately report my observation to the charge nurse and offer my services if they were needed. If I had known McDonald was attempting to hide her DWI charge from the state board, I would've informed her that the Texas State Board would most likely find out and as nurses our duty is to be honest.