

Covenant School of Nursing  
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment  
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Eliana Servantez

Date: 9/7/23

DAS Assignment # 3

Name of the defendant: Florence Balay Bangura

License number of the defendant: 629169

Date action was taken against the license: August 9, 2016

Type of action taken against the license: 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.*

The nurse failed to assess and notify the physician of major changes in the patient's condition including seizure, fever, cough, vomiting and diarrhea. This put the patient in unnecessary risk of harm with the physician not being able to intervene in the patient's care. The violation is 22 Tex. Admin. Code 217.11(1)(A),(1)(B) (1)(D)(1)(M)(1)(P)(1)(Q)& (3)(A) and 217.12(1)(A)(1)(B)(1)(C)&(4).

The nurse also cut and pasted an assessment from earlier that day to her nursing note. This assessment indicated the patient was stable. Shortly after submitting the nursing note, the patient was admitted to the ICU and intubated. The violation is 22 Tex. Admin. Code 217.11(1)(A),(1)(B) (1)(D)(1)(M)(1)(P)(1)(Q)& (3)(A) and 217.12(1)(A)(1)(B)(1)(C)&(4).

*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 think the nurse could have prevented all of this if she just did her hourly rounding, made her assessment of the patient, and notified the doctor immediately. I believe she was being lazy and lied about doing her rounding which is why she copied and pasted her last assessment into the chart.

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

Critical thinking, documentation, and communication were violated the most in this nurse's case. Critical thinking was violated when she failed to properly assess the patient. Documentation was violated when she copy and pasted her last assessment of the patient into the chart instead of writing down her real assessment. Communication was also violated due to the nurse's failure to notify the doctor of the patient's deteriorating condition.

*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 had noticed what was going on, I would have immediately gotten a charge nurse involved to step in and call the patient's physician. I would have also stayed with the patient to intervene in any way that I can to make sure no other harm could be done.