

Covenant School of Nursing  
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment  
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Vince Vergara  
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Date: September 13th 2023

DAS Assignment #

Name of the defendant: **Erin Kathleen Shoffner**  
**774667**

License number of the defendant:

Date action was taken against the license: **August 13, 2014**

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.*

***The nurse was charged for sleeping at the nurses station during duty. The nurse was also charged for being suspected of consuming alcohol while on duty as well. These actions put her patients in danger since she was not able to monitor them properly. The evidence enough to prove violations of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE (q)(B),(1)(E),(4)&(5) and 220.2(f).***

*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 taken better care of her health so she would not be so lethargic on duty. She could have slept earlier the night before, or she could have called into work if she was that tired. She could have consumed some more caffeine as a last resort instead of sleeping on the job. At this lethargic state the nurse is in it puts the patients in danger because she can't think properly or check on her patients properly. The nurse should have not consumed alcohol before her shift as well.***

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

***She violated the universal competency communication because she did not communicate with her higher ups or her coworkers that she was feeling that tired while on her shift. She also violated the universal competency critical thinking because she still decided to show up to work while in that lethargic state which would affect her critical thinking skills while interacting with her patients which would be very dangerous especially when it comes to medications. I would also say she violated the universal competency human caring because at that state she was in, and the fact that she was also drunk on her shift she would not be able to give her patients the proper care that they deserve. Lastly I would say she violated the universal competency professional role because she was not ready to be at work that day, and she was drunk while on her shift.***

*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.*

***A prudent nurse would recommend the lethargic nurse that she might have to go home early because of her state. The prudent nurse would also educate her coworker how important it is to take care of her self because being a nurse is physically taxing. Then the prudent nurse would ask the charge nurse to split up her patients so they can receive proper care.***