

Covenant School of Nursing  
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment  
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Cayman Smith Date: 9/15/23

DAS Assignment # \_\_4\_\_\_\_ (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Sonya Michelle Ellis License number of the defendant: 675530

Date action was taken against the license: 2/25/2019

Type of action taken against the license: Remedial Education with Fine

Between August 2016 through November 30,2018, Nurse Ellis falsely represented herself through online advertisement and posed as an advanced practice registered nurse but did not hold an advance practice degree.

In 2016 nurse Ellis created an online linked in profile during her APRN schooling and did not graduate nor pass boards during the time of misrepresenting herself between 2016-2018. It has also been stated that she had professional headshots done with a white coat on and represented herself around the office as an APRN. If nurse Ellis did not falsely advertise herself as an APRN she would not have had dispensary action taken against her license. I feel like she should have waited to earn the degree and pass boards before trying to practice her future career role.

She violated Safety and Security, communication, Critical thinking, and the professional role.

Safety and Security was violated because she did not promote a trustful and respectful environment by lying to her patients about being an APRN. Critical thinking was also violated by not having the correct schooling/credentials to be practicing out of the RN scope of practice which jeopardized patients' safety. Lastly she violated the professional role and communication by falsely appearing as an APRN and failing to disclose that she was in fact only in school to her coworkers and her online advertisement.

If a prudent nurse was to discover nurse Ellis practicing medicine without the proper degree they would have gone out of their way to talk to management and send a complaint to the board of nursing to stop any practice before it harms patients.