

Covenant School of Nursing  
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment  
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Alaejah Morrison Date: 09/16/2023 DAS Assignment # 3 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Ashley Marie Howton License number of the defendant: 807467

Date action was taken against the license: 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 2017

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

On June 23, 2015, during this time Ashely Howton on shift at Nix Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas, had to complete a drug screening and was tested positive for the use of morphine.

*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.*

Charge 1

Ashely Howton, as a nurse she should not be taking a unprescribed drug. Doing this she put herself and her patients at a high risk of danger. This shows she cares so little about her patients to be positive for the use of morphine. Also makes me think she was stealing her patients medicine so she may be untrustworthy.

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

Charge 1

Howton violated her professional role because she was not prepared to be an advocate for her patients. Being on a drug can have side effects such as sleepiness and depress the nervous system causing slow breathing and leading to cognitive function issues causing her not to function and work well. Furthermore, Howton violated Safety, morphine is a substance and she

abused it, this could cause her not meeting the critical needs for her patients, which leads to violation of critical thinking as a nurse.

*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.*

Charge 1

As a nurse if I were aware of another under any substances, or doing any substances, I would immediately inform my charge nurse. In addition, I would be an advocate for any patients she was taking care of.