

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Nicole Campbell Date: 10/22/2023

DAS Assignment # __1__ (1-4)

Name of the defendant: EMMA MARIE ACCOMAZZO

License number of the defendant: RN - 891245

Date action was taken against the license: 5/13/2020

Type of action taken against the license: Enforced Suspension

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 enforced suspension of Registered Nurse, Emma Marie Accomazzo was due to her diverting multiple drugs such as Midazolam, Dilaudid, Fentanyl, Oxycodone, Furosemide, Ativan, and Lorazepam. The nurse also failed to document accordingly in the eMAR which could have led to a patient safety issue and or possible overdose. She was on duty at the hospital and was found to be stumbling, falling asleep, acting disoriented, and being paranoid. It is also noted that the nurse was away from her workstation for extended periods of time. A for-cause urine specimen showed positive for Fentanyl and Tramadol. All these medications could impair the nurse's ability to safely take care of her patients. The employee health nurse found Furosemide and Ativan in her pant pockets, blunt needles, and an empty syringe with a needle attached, and another syringe with 2.5 mL of urine in a 10 mL syringe. The nurse was sent to TPAPN and placed on probation.

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 measures that could have been taken to prevent her suspension could include more attention from her coworkers regarding her abnormal behavior and actions and referring her to management sooner.

Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how

The universal competencies that were violated include safety and security due to lack of documentation and failure to administer medications as prescribed. Critical thinking skills are affected due to alteration in the decision-making process. In addition, the professional role of the nurse is violated due to the drug diversion and not maintaining appropriate management of equipment and supplies.

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.

As a prudent nurse, If I was the one to first discover a coworker being impaired, I would immediately report abnormal behavior to my supervisor. Patient safety must always come first, and it is my responsibility to report any abnormal issues and behavior.