

Covenant School of Nursing  
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment  
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Mireya Ocegueda    Date: 10/23/23    DAS Assignment # \_\_\_\_1\_\_\_\_ (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Kathrine Irene Eggers    License number of the defendant: 554305

Date action was taken against the license: August 27, 1996

Type of action taken against the license: Suspended/ probated

*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.*

1. Between April 1<sup>st</sup> and April 16<sup>th</sup>, 1995, Kathrine Eggers was employed with Methodist Hospital in Lubbock Texas as an RN. The defendant failed to accurately document the administration of medications in the medical records.
2. Between April 1<sup>st</sup> and April 15<sup>th</sup>, 1995, Katherine Eggers administered medications without any health care provider orders (specifically narcotics).
3. On April 15, 1995, Kathrine Eggers was witnessed using a syringe to withdraw from the morphine IV drip bottle of a patient on at least 2 different occasions. The defendant was seen taking these syringes of the solution on each occasion.
4. On May 5, 1996, while employed at Highland Medical Center in Lubbock Texas, Kathrine Eggers reported to work with the smell of alcohol in her breath. The defendant was tested for a blood alcohol level and the test results were positive for a level of 304 mg/dl of alcohol.

*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 been sent home as soon as alcohol was smelled on her breath by someone, if she was intoxicated, she couldn't have been able to properly assess and take care of her patients.

If she was pulling medications to keep, there could have been someone always going in with her to administer meds that way she wouldn't be tempted to pocket them.

Checking each patient's medical records by a physician or other nurses to make sure everything looked right, could have prevented, or discovered very early on.

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

1. Documentation- she was failing to document the administration of medications accurately.
2. Safety and Security- She was administering narcotics to patients without any doctor's orders.
3. Professional role- She was diverting morphine and she was showing up to work while intoxicated.

*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, I would've immediately notified my charge nurse and the primary care provider of the patient she was taking care of in order to prevent any further harm to that patient. If I were to have notified this incident as soon as I had discovered it, I could have possibly saved someone's life, she was giving narcotics without them being ordered for the patient which can be a place the patient at great risk for several complications.