

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

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DAS Assignment # 1 (1-4)

Name of the defendant: Forence Balay Bangura

License number of the defendant: 629169

Date action was taken against the license:

August 9, 2016

Type of action taken against the license:

The nurse had failed to assess and report the patients changes in status as they were experiencing an increase in seizure activity and did not report to the physician nor did the nurse allow the physician the opportunity to intervene to stabilize the patient.

The nurse had committed fraud as she had documented a wrongful assessment of her patient while the patient had just been admitted into the intensive care unit at that time the assessment was documented, and later intubated and expired. The nurse had failed to give the patient an opportunity to receive medical interventions in a timely manner which had resulted in death.

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 had failed to notify the physician of the patient's change in status along with failure to assess the patient when symptoms were worsening, as well as not allowing the physician to institute medical interventions. The nurse had committed fraudulent documentation of an assessment that did not occur as the patient was being prepared to be intubated at the time the assessment was documented making the medical record inaccurate and withheld the patient from receiving medical care that resulted in the patient's death.

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 performed assessments when the patient had an initial change in status, along with notifying the physician immediately of the patients change in status giving the physician an opportunity to make medical decisions that could have stabilized the patient. The nurse should not have documented an assessment that was not performed because ultimately it resulted in the death of her patient and caused a wrongful death due to her negligence.

Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.

The nurse has violated the following universal competencies-

Critical thinking- The nurse failed to provide SBAR when her patient had a change in status, along with failure to notify the physician of these changes. Overall failed to evaluate and assess the patients' symptoms and provide any interventions

Communication- failed to notify the physician of patients declining status. Failure to comply with agency protocols when a patient begins to decline. Failure to be consistent with the patients needs during that time.

Safety and security (physical/emotional) failure to provide trust, respect, and professional interactions, as well as endangering the patients' health due to negligence.

Documentation- Failure to document actual occurrences of patient care/assessment, which had resulted in a patient death.

Human caring- The nurse failed to listen to the patients' needs during a critical time of their care which had resulted in the patient's death.

Professional role- The nurse failed to provide any type of professionalism during the care of these patients because of her negligence and poor management of care. Failure to utilize her resources could have prevented this wrongdoing.

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.

I would take the necessary steps to intervene if I had seen a patient declining rapidly by taking charge and notifying my charge nurse of the occurrence who would then call the physician for that patient and house supervisor to figure out what went wrong during this patient's care to cause them to decline this rapidly and why the physician wasn't notified sooner. I would report this nurse for her negligence and failure to report her patients change in status to the physician or charge nurse.