

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Mireya Ocegueda Date: 11/06/23 DAS Assignment # 3

Name of the defendant: Heather Renee Taylor

License number of the defendant: 678065

Date action was taken against the license: August 21, 2012

Type of action taken against the license: Suspend/Probate

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.

On September 9, 2010, through October 27, 2010, while the defendant was working in the emergency room with Scott & White Memorial Hospital in Temple Texas, she was forging and passing unauthorized and fraudulent prescriptions. These prescriptions were of Flagyl, Tussinex suspension, and Vicoprofen while using the name and DEA number assigned to a doctor whose name was Pamela Green. The defendant admitted to having a pain medication addiction problem and she felt like she would get sick if she stopped. She also stated that when she ran out of pain medication, she knew that if she didn't get some more, she would get deathly ill and not be able to function.

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 defendant also stated that her addiction began after she was given pain medication for a cyst on her ovary, and she began to develop a physical tolerance to it. She states that she informed her physician several times that she felt like she was getting addicted to the medication and her physician disregarded her and told her to continue to take the medication. I feel like her addiction could have been prevented if her doctor would have listened to her and helped her find resources early on.

Identify which universal competencies were violated and explain how.

Professional Role- She did not maintain honesty and integrity. She knew that what she was doing was wrong, and she continued to do it for about 2 months.

Critical Thinking- Unfortunately, she wasn't able to critically think because her addiction caused her to prioritize it before anything else.

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.

If I had been the first one to discovered this, I would immediately notify someone above me to prevent it from it ever happening again, since it is something so serious that could potentially harm her ability to take care of patients. I would also try to help her find resources that could support her and help her get through her addiction.