

Covenant School of Nursing  
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment  
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Brooklyn Belyeu

Date: 11/6/2023

DAS Assignment # 3

Name of the defendant: Linda Sue Ann Ripple

License number of the defendant: 725377

Date action was taken against the license: 1/21/2021

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:** September 19, 2017, Linda inaccurately medical reported her nursing notes for her patient. With having false records of the patient this would put the patient in harm because the next nurse or nurses would not know how to provide the best care for the patient. Patient record is important to keep the patient safe and to provide an accurate record of the patient for further care in the future.

***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.***

Measures that could have been prevented are time management. The nurse simply could have taken the time to accurately document the patient's information. To prevent harm to the patient and to provide full care for the patient. You as a nurse or health care provider must accurately document for the patient.

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

The universal competencies that were violated were documentation, communication, and professional role.

Documentation was violated because the nurse did not document the accurate care and treatment for the patient.

Communication was violated because the nurse did not communicate to the patient about her care as well as communicating to her health care workers about the care for the patient. If she

should have communicated this would have given her the information to correctly document for the patient.

Professional role was violated because the nurse did not fully and professionally do her job. Having responsibility for yourself is one thing but as a health care provider you are responsible for other people. Not documenting accurately is putting your patient at risk which is not a professional role.

***Use the space below to describe what action you think a prudent nurse would take as the first 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 was the nurse that discovered that another nurse did not accurately document her patient, I would confront her/him and ask why the mistakes are being made and try to understand the situation. Maybe they are overworked (which isn't an excuse) or time management, or even that the patient is stubborn or rude. Try to get a background on the "why" the nurse is making those choices. If they continue to make the mistakes, then I will let a charge nurse or someone higher than me know what is going on.