

# Covenant School of Nursing

## Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

### Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Ashley Hill

Date: 1/16/2024

DAS Assignment # 1

Name of the defendant: Angelique Cassandra Baker

License number of the defendant: 961216

Date action was taken against the license: October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Type of action taken against the license: Deferred Discipline

- *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. The first event that led to the actions of Angelique getting a deferred discipline was that on July 27<sup>th</sup> of 2020, she left the current room that contained a patient who was on two precaution protocols. Without removing any of her personal protective precautions, she entered another room, which proposed many risks that could be many modes of transmission of infectious organisms that could harm the other patient.
  2. On July 31<sup>st</sup> of 2020, the nurse failed to take the physicians orders to set up two sterile procedures for a toe amputation that was to take place. Since the environment wasn't sterile, the surgeons had to re-do the procedure to make sure the patient wasn't infected by any unsterile items.
  3. On December 8<sup>th</sup> of 2020, the nurse failed to draw up epinephrine and lidocaine correctly because the nurse didn't use the right amount of diluent that was needed. The medicine was to be used for an eye irrigation.
  4. On another account, the nurse was asked for a vascular ultrasound machine that wasn't in the current operation room. The nurse left the operation room with her blue plastic gown on, entered into another operating with her gown on and retrieved the device from a dirty table that was unsterile.
- *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.*

I truly believe that if the nurse was thinking about what she doing and maintained a sterile midset, the majority of these actions wouldn't have occurred. For the medication error with the diluent, she should've paid close attention to what she was doing, verified all three checks, and taken into consideration that this medicine was going into the patient's eyes.

- *Identify ALL universal competencies were violated and explain how.*

The nurse violated the competency to provide care to her patient, when not using the correct amount of diluent for the medication. The nurse violated safety when contaminating a sterile environment that a surgeon was going to utilize. The nurse violated the competency of communication by not asking another nurse for help before grabbing unsterile equipment from one operating room and taking it into another operating room.

- *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.*

A prudent nurse, I believe would first notify the charge nurse about what has occurred. Then let the charge nurse confront the nurse that made the mistakes, fill out the necessary paperwork or information that's needed to be filed.