

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name:Leticia Herrera

Date:1.18.2024

DAS Assignment #: 1

Name of the defendant:Yen Thi Vo

License number of the defendant: 757749

Date action was taken against the license: 04.21.2022

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.***

The defendant, Yen Thi Vo, was charged with noncompliance due to failing to comply with all requirements of the TPAPN participation agreement. The defendant failed to complete and return all items required as part of her TPAPN participation agreement within the required allotted time. Yen was required to sign and execute the TPAPN participation agreement and complete the enrollment process which should have included a payment of a non-refundable participation fee of three hundred fifty dollars. Failure to do so caused her to be dismissed from TPAPN and referred back to the board. The incident that led to the respondent's license being revoked was false documentation. She documented that she had administered Roxicodone to a patient off schedule. The patient was not assigned to her at the time the medication was administered. When confronted, Yen claimed she was called to administer the medication, but the patients assigned nurse denied those claims. The patient was asked if medication was received, and the patient denied receiving any Roxicodone medication from Yen. Her false documentation and failure to administer the physician ordered medication could have resulted in non-efficacious treatment. Due to the actions listed above, Yen was required to take a drug screen which resulted in a positive result for hydrocodone and hydromorphone. Yen claimed she could have been given the hydrocodone by mistake by her parents when they were caring for her although she did not have a prescription for any hydrocodone.

- ***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 should have recognized that she had a problem with hydrocodone and should have asked for help. She should have spoken to either a friend, family member or a supervisor with concerns about her drug use. She would have been able to get help and it could have possibly prevented her taking the Roxicodone. Although it never stated she took the medication herself, her positive drug screen proved that she had been taking hydrocodone without a prescription. She either administered

the medication to herself or kept the medication and planned to administer at another time. No harm to the patient was documented.

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

Documentation: The nurse falsely documented that she administered medication.

Safety and security: The patient was not given the prescribed pain medication; therefore, the patient's pain was left untreated.

Critical thinking: The nurse should have known the patient needed the medication and failed to administer the Roxycodone as ordered.

Human caring: By the nurse diverting the patient's medication, she did not respect the patient. Patient's pain was left untreated.

Professional role: The nurse's interaction with the staff and patient. She claimed that she was asked to administer medication and that she had administered the medication. Both the assigned nurse and patient denied those claims.

- **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 immediately inform my charge nurse and request clarification from her on what actions I should take. I would be terrified to be tied to any criminal activity that could potentially cause harm to a patient or put me at risk for losing my license. I would be sure not to mention any suspicions to my coworkers to avoid starting rumors. It could turn out that once investigated, those concerns turned out to be a misunderstanding.