

Covenant School of Nursing  
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment  
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Dacia Rodriguez

Date: 01-26-2024

DAS Assignment # 2

Name of the defendant: Amberlie Skye Lopez

License number of the defendant: 960486

Date action was taken against the license: June 10, 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.*

Amberlie Skye Lopez was working as a registered nurse at both Texas Health Arlington Memorial Hospital and Baylor University Medical Center at the time of her incidents. On June 10, 2021 Amberlie's nursing license was revoked after obtaining 3 charges relating to substance use and other alcohol and drug related misconduct. Charge 1 occurred on December 6, 2019 after Amberlie was asked to submit a drug test which resulted in testing positive for Buprenorphine, Morphine, and Marijuana. Not only was she in illegal possession of Buprenorphine, Morphine and Marijuana, but she was also using those medications while working, resulting in the inability to make appropriate assessments and decisions regarding patient care, ultimately placing her patients in danger. Charge 2 and 3 occurred on August 28, 2020 after she was found asleep while at work, and was asked to perform a drug test. The drug test was positive for Lorazepam, Marijuana, Codeine, Hydromorphone and Morphine. Once again, Amberlie was in illegal possession of these drugs and was unable to provide professional, appropriate care to her patients, placing them in potential danger.

- *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.*

*Amberlie was given the opportunity to complete a disciplinary course related to substance abuse, however she failed to do so, resulting in a revoked license. If she would have complied and taken the court ordered course, Amberlie would most likely still have a nursing license in the state of Texas. I believe Amberlie should have asked for help when she knew she had a problem, she could have gotten the help she needed and returned to nursing. Instead, she thought she could get away with it, but ultimately put every single one of her patients in potential danger.*

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

*Safety and security, critical thinking, human caring and professional role are the universal competencies that were violated in this case. Amberlie put her patients in danger because she showed up to work high off illegal opioids, making it nearly impossible to care for her patients. She was also unable to make critical decisions and provide professional patient centered care. As a nurse it is our responsibility to show up to work and care for our patients to the absolute best of our ability, and Amberlie failed to do so.*

- *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 were the nurse that found Amberlie asleep at work due to the use of drugs, I would immediately let my change nurse and unit manager know as well as make a report to the Texas Board of Nursing. I am just as responsible for her actions, if I know what she's doing and do not report it. I work too hard to get my license taken away because of failure to report.