

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Peter Nguyen

Date: August 19, 2024

DAS Assignment # _1_____

Name of the defendant: Consuela Leonell Harrison-Riley, RN
787313

License number of the defendant:

Date action was taken against the license: 7/23/2020

Type of action taken against the license: Warning with Stipulations and Fine

- *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 clinical events that took place leading to disciplinary actions against Consuela included: Falsely documenting an admission assessment, failing to assess a patient during her shift, and incorrectly charting an assessment.

Falsely documenting an admission assessment is not only lazy but can be very harmful to the patient since the nurse is not doing anything to assess the patient whatsoever. This could also lead to the nurse taking the shift after her to not have anything to base their care off of. This action could have caused a delay in care for something that needed immediate treatment, where the patient could have had a worsening condition.

Failing to assess the respiratory system of a patient because they had a CPAP showed lack of effort on the part of the nurse. Failing to do so could have caused worse potential harm to the patient and was therefore not a prudent decision by the nurse. Incorrectly charting that she assessed the patient's lungs is a false record and is misleading for the next nurse basing their care for the patient. This could have caused the next nurse taking over to make a decision based off of a false report, leading the patient to more potential harm.

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.

To prevent any action being taken against the license, I would have assessed my patient on admission, assessed the body systems needed for further care planning, and double-checked my report while I charted what I assessed and made sure I only charted what I assessed.

By assessing on admission, I could find out what needs to be done to help care for my patient in a timely manner. This could help prevent conditions or pre-existing conditions from worsening and keeping my patient from developing things like pressure ulcers.

Assessing body systems as needed would have allowed the nurse to know how to plan their care and allow the next nurse to know their plan of care as well.

Taking time to make sure I charted what I assessed would not cause any fraudulent documentation leading to a plan of care for the patient that they were not ready for yet or did not need.

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

Safety and Security was violated when the nurse did not assess the patient at all on admission. There was no comprehensive assessment or even assessment for pain to assess the patient's emotional status.

Critical Thinking was violated when the nurse chose not to assess the lungs because a CPAP was on. Just because a CPAP is on does not mean a respiratory assessment is an impossible task to perform for the patient.

Documentation was violated when the nurse falsely documented that she assessed the patient, and their lungs were clear despite having not assessed the patient at all.

Human Caring was violated when the nurse "looked at" her patient and assumed they were good. By doing this she neglected her patient by not spending time with them nor listening to what they need to care for them.

Communication was violated when the nurse falsely documented and created an inaccurate medical record. Communication with the next nurse would then be misleading and giving the nurse false information during report.

Professional Role was violated when the nurse failed to do her basic duties and ignored basic aspects of care by skipping an admission assessment and failing to assess the patient according to their condition during her shift.

- *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 was the first to discover these events by the nurse, I would tell the charge nurse what happened and then make sure there was a comprehensive physical assessment done on this patient. I would then talk to the nurse about why it's important to do an admission assessment, focused assessments, and correct charting. Ultimately, I would want to make sure the patient is safe and in stable condition first, let the nurse know what she did wrong in a professional manner, and make sure the correct people in the chain of command know what happened so they can decide what to do.