

Covenant School of Nursing
Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment
Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Allyson Jordan

Date: 11/1/24

DAS Assignment # 2

Name of the defendant: Larissa W. Boudreaux

License number of the defendant: 541608

Date action was taken against the license: 11/10/20

Type of action taken against the license: License Revoked

The respondent had multiple charges regarding her conduct while being employed with Baptist Hospitals of Southeast Texas in Beaumont. Between May and August of 2019, she withdrew Oxycodone on 2 occasions where she falsified documentation by stating that she administered them when they were either returned to the pharmacy or the patient had already been discharged. She also documented administration of 2 tablets of Oxycodone for a separate patient when it can be proven she only took out 1. Around July through November of the same year, respondent withdrew an array of opioids and an NSAID and failed to follow proper wastage of the unused medication policies. During this time frame, the respondent also misappropriated several medications from several different patients. From July to September of 2019, she failed to follow prioritization of orders for several patients. Failed documentation of administration of meds was also noted from August to November of 2019. She was also charged for giving medication to a patient not in her care. It was also noted that respondent was struggling with alcohol abuse which led to her lacking fitness to a practice nursing.

Following proper policies and documenting correctly could have prevented any action being taken against the respondent. However, the issue I see as being the biggest problem here is her alcohol abuse. She admitted to having a problem and that she took part in counseling for it, but it seems to me that she might have needed more help. She had more than likely been struggling for a long time, and this led to her making so many mistakes and diverting the medications.

Universal Competencies Violated:

Safety and Security — *The respondent failed to follow prioritization of medication orders for pain, which could have affected the safety of the patient in question. She also misappropriated several medications which was likely a way to harm the patients. Furthermore, her lack of proper documentation could have also led the nurses who followed her to give too much or too little of a medication, causing harm to the patients.*

Documentation — *Mrs. Boudreaux either falsified her documentation when a medication was not given or she failed to document the correct amount of medication she administered. Also, if she administered medication to a patient not in her care, she likely did not document correctly on that.*

Communication — *The respondent failed to communicate by getting any kind of report on a patient she gave medication to. It seems as though this was possibly during a shift change scenario, but the patient was not hers, and she administered medication without knowing the patient's history or possible medical allergies.*

Professional Role — *Coming to any place of employment, an employee should never be under the influence. It was not mentioned that the respondent was intoxicated or under the influence of a particular substance, but knowing her history of alcohol abuse, she more than likely was. This could have caused her to behave erratically in front of patients and/or family members. This is very unprofessional.*

Critical Thinking — *Being physically unfit to perform as a nurse undeniably affects the ability to critical think. I noted before that she failed to prioritize medications which only proves this point.*

In several of these instances, withdrawing the medications would have required a witness signing off. If I were the one to witness for the respondent, I would make sure things were being done properly. The wasting of narcotics requires another nurse to be present as well, so I feel that that should fall on the other nurse as well. If I noticed anything like what the respondent has done, I would report it to the charge nurse immediately. Anything regarding inappropriate documentation or misappropriation of drugs should be reported so as to avoid harm to the patients. The chain of command would take it over from there.