

ANA Assignment

One of the most recent ethical issues in nursing today would be the Florida nurses who faked their nursing license as well as schooling and degrees. In the state of Florida there were 25 people who were affiliated with 3 different nursing schools who sold more than 7,600 fake nursing diplomas. Of the almost 8,000 people who received the fake diplomas almost 3,000 of them were able to pass the NCLEX and obtain employment as licensed nurses. The 3 schools sold fraudulent degrees and transcripts and the students paid an accumulative \$114 million for the fake degrees. This took place between 2016-2021 (Americanbar, n.d).

This Went against multiple provisions in the ANA code of ethics but the one that stood out the most to me was provision 7 and provision 9. Provision 7 states, the nurse, in all roles and settings, advances the profession through research and scholarly inquiry, professional standards development, and the generation of both nursing and health policy. Provision 9 states, the profession of nursing, collectively through its professional organizations, must articulate nursing values, maintain the integrity of the profession, and integrate principles of social justice into nursing and health policy. The way that this was unethical according to provision 7 was that these “nurses” hadn’t even attended school at all to be able to get the scholarly information and to understand evidence-based practice in nursing. They didn’t have the professional standards either due to their lack of schooling and professionalism from performing illegal measures to obtain their license. They were also unethical according to provision 9 based on not attending professional organizations and not integrating the principles of social justice.

Resource:

Americanbar.org. (n.d.). Retrieved March 2, 2023, from https://www.americanbar.org/groups/health_law/section-news/2023/february/people-in-florida-charged-with-fake-nursing-diploma-scheme/