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# Sarah Ericksen, BSN, RN, CCRN

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## Education

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### University of Virginia-Charlottesville, VA

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing, 2015
- Dean's List
- Practicum Synthesis: Martha Jefferson Hospital Emergency Department

## Work Experience

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### Registered Nurse

June 2018-Present

#### Medical University of South Carolina-Pediatric CICU-Charleston, SC

- Provide direct patient care to critically ill medical and surgical cardiac patients ages newborn to adult. Experience includes caring for patients on ECMO, s/p complex heart surgery and transplant, open chests, and ventricular assist devices
- Collaborate with all members of the healthcare team including attending physicians, fellow physicians, respiratory therapists, and nursing assistants to promote safe patient care

### Charge Nurse

January 2018-June 2018

#### Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital- Pediatric Emergency Department- Roanoke VA

- Responsible for determining medical priority of pediatric patients in the waiting room, assigning rooms, and monitoring EMS en route and directing them to appropriate rooms
- Ensured other nurses were well supported in their assignments
- Maintained a full patient assignment

### Registered Nurse

August 2017-June 2018

#### Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital- Pediatric Emergency Department- Roanoke VA

- Provided direct patient care to patients ages newborn to 18 years in 16 bed Pediatric Emergency Department at a Level 1 Trauma Center. Experience caring for patients with a wide variety of diagnoses including respiratory distress, seizures, anaphylaxis, DKA, trauma, and cardiac arrest
- Provided education to patients and families on diagnoses and prescriptions upon discharge

### Registered Nurse

September 2015- August 2017

#### University of Virginia Medical Center-Pediatric ICU- Charlottesville, VA

- Provided direct patient care to critically ill pediatric patients ages newborn to 18 years in a mixed cardiac/medical unit. Experience caring for patients with diagnoses including trauma, TBI, post-op complex cardiac surgery/ cardiac transplant, liver transplant, post-op neurosurgery, DKA, respiratory failure, acute and chronic diseases.
- Completed one year new graduate Nurse Residency Program

### Practicum Preceptor

January 2017-May 2017

#### University of Virginia Medical Center-Pediatric ICU-Charlottesville, VA

- Provided one on one mentoring for a senior nursing student throughout final semester of school. Directed and supervised student's care of PICU patients with appropriate feedback and education

### Patient Care Assistant

April 2013-May 2015

#### University of Virginia Medical Center- Pediatric ICU-Charlottesville, VA

- Assisted nurses with a variety of tasks including sterile dressing changes, Foley catheter insertion, wound dressing changes, taking vital signs, admitting and transferring patients
- Responsible for ensuring patient rooms were adequately and appropriately stocked

### Health Unit Coordinator

November 2012-April 2013

#### University of Virginia Medical Center- Pediatric ICU-Charlottesville, VA

- Performed administrative duties of unit, maintained organization of front desk, prepared patient charts, maintained record of admittance and discharge of patients

## Volunteer Experience

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### ***Court Appointed Special Advocate***

April 2016-September 2017

**Piedmont CASA**-Charlottesville, VA- ~250 hours

- Trained to advocate for abused and neglected children in court. Assigned to two children, met with them on a monthly basis to ensure appropriate foster home placement, listen to their concerns, and provide a consistent person involved in their lives
- Provided monthly written updates to supervisor. Prepared written court reports advocating for the best interest of the children and provided it to judge before hearings
- Supervisor: Sherri Rosser [srosser@pcasa.org](mailto:srosser@pcasa.org); 434-971-7515

## Research

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### ***Researcher***

Spring 2014

### **Scholars to Advance Research (STAR)**

- Conducted a literature review in collaboration with three classmates to determine the relationship between high calorie enteral feeds and the development of necrotizing enterocolitis in infants undergoing cardiac surgery
- Poster presentation awarded first place and was subsequently presented at the Virginia Nurses Association Education Day in September 2014

## Organizations/Conferences

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### **American Association of Critical Care Nurses**

Current

*Member*

### **PICU Practice and Quality Committee**

*Co-chair*

February 2017-August 2017

*Member*

March 2016 – August 2017

- Performed literature reviews and worked to improve best/evidence based practice in UVA's PICU
- Assisted chair in seeking out areas for improvement and organizing meetings
- Attended hospital wide practice and quality meetings
- Assisted in developing protocol for nurse driven sedation weaning in PICU population

### **Nursing Students without Borders**

Fall 2012-Spring 2014

*Member*

- Assisted with planning and fundraising for health clinic in El Salvador
- Participated in many health events such as health screenings, multiple fundraising events, and service opportunities in the community

### **Student Nurses Association of Virginia**

Fall 2013-May 2015

*Member*

- Participated in many service projects aimed at promoting education and helping those in need including toy drives, canned food collection for local food banks, and care packages for soldiers

### **Compassionate Care at the End of Life Interprofessional Conference**

November 2013

- Attended symposium with various health professionals presenting evidence-based, innovative information on compassionate care for patients at the end of life

## Licenses/Certifications

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- **Registered Nurse** License to practice in the State of South Carolina; Multi-state privileges Current
- **ACLS, BLS, PALS** from American Heart Association Current
- **Pediatric CCRN** Current