

EDUCATION

Masters of Science, Nursing 2022

Drexel University

Bachelor of Science, Nursing 2016

Western Governors University

Associate in Science, Nursing 2012

Excelsior College

Diploma Practical Nursing, 2010

Jefferson College of Health Sciences

LICENSE, CERTIFICATIONS & CREDENTIALS

VA Registered Nurse, Current

AHA BLS & ACLS Provider, Current

Progressive Care Certified Nurse, PCCN AACN, Current

Cardiovascular Nursing Certified, ANCC, Current, (RN-BC CVN)

Cardiac Surgery Certified (CSC), AACN, Current

Critical Care Registered Nurse (CCRN), AACN, Current

Cardiac Surgery Advanced Life Support Provider (CSU-ALS)

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/COMMITTEES

AACN Cardiac Surgery Certification Practice Analysis Task Force, 2019

AACN Circle of Excellence Individual Award Panel Committee 2018

AACN CSC Virtual Exam Review Committee 2018

Clinical Ladder Recipient Expert Level 5(2016-2019), Level 3 (2014-2015)

Member of FMC Career Ladder Committee (2015-2016)

Member of Unit Shared Governance Committee (2014-Current)

AACN National Ambassador and Volunteer 2017-Current

Ventricular Assist Device FMC Program Committee Member, 2018

Heartmate II VAD Product Education, University of Minnesota, 2017

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Novant Health – Forsyth Medical Center- CT Surgery ICU (CVSU)

09/2016-Current

Critical Care Registered Nurse/Charge Nurse

- Staff nurse in a cardiac surgery critical care unit.
- Care of open-heart surgery patients and thoracic surgery post op patients in the immediate post-operative period.
- ECMO and VAD experience

Novant Health – Forsyth Medical Center-CT Surgery PCU (CTSU)

01/2013-09/2016

Registered Nurse/Unit Preceptor/Team Leader

- Staff nurse in an intermediate care/progressive care unit.
- Care of open-heart surgery patients pre and post operatively, thoracic surgery post op patients and cardiac catheterization pre and post-operative patients.

- Leadership selected preceptor for Intermediate Cardiac Surgery Unit. Onboarding of new hires during the unit orientation process.
- Experienced shift team leader and charge nurse.

Stanleytown Health & Rehab Center

08/2010 – 12/2012

LPN Charge Nurse

- Ability to recognize changes in condition requiring emergency interventions or revisions to plans of care.
- Provide high quality direct patient care of up to 60 residents on various shifts utilizing time management, leadership and delegation.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN), Member and Ambassador, Volunteer

American Association of Heart Failure Nurses

Society of Vascular Nursing

American Nurses Association

Virginia Nurses Association

VOLUNTEER WORK

SECU Family House Volunteer

Martinsville Henry County SPCA

Franklin County Humane Society

Relay for Life Martinsville-Henry County

REFERECES

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