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Nursing Experience

Emergency Department RN, University of Minnesota Health, Minneapolis East Bank, MN (September 2014-present)

- Triage patients to quickly assess and intervene as needed in time sensitive cases
- Stabilize critically ill patients until appropriate for transfer to definitive care
- Experienced charge nurse to manage staffing and patient flow as well as assist the manager with day to day operations in the department
- Co-chair of department social committee to promote team bonding and boost morale

Perioperative RN, Summit Orthopedics, St. Paul, MN (November 2017-present)

- Manage patient care for pre and post-op orthopedic surgical patients in an ambulatory surgery center
- Communicate directly with anesthesia and surgical teams to advocate for patients
- Provide counseling and education to patients prior to surgery and follow up to ensure questions/concerns are addressed

Emergency Department RN, St. Joseph's Hospital, St. Paul (November 2015-May 2017)

- Utilize nursing protocol orders to expedite care for patients
- Proficiency in establishing and maintaining IV access
- Manage care of psychiatric patient populations while in the ED
- Discharge patients providing patient and family with education and resources
- Member of the Nursing Shared Leadership council

General Medicine RN, University of Minnesota Health, Minneapolis East Bank, MN (August 2012-September 2014)

- Apply the nursing process to plan, intervene and implement care for patients of all adult ages with a variety of diagnoses
- Advocate for patients with interdisciplinary team
- Precept new RNs and students to the department

Inpatient Orthopedics/Surgical RN, Sanford Health, Fargo, ND (September 2011-August 2012)

- Supervised staff and coordinated care as a charge nurse
- Worked as a circulator nurse on the unit to assist coworkers
- Floated to Rehabilitation and Palliative Care units
- Epic trained

Certifications

- Minnesota State Board Registered Nurse

- CPR Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers
- Advanced Cardiac Life Support
- Trauma Nursing Core Course
- Emergency Nursing Pediatric Course

Education

St. Catherine University, St. Paul, MN (May 2011)

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Bachelor of Arts in Spanish