

DENA WINCHESTER

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RN, BSN, CEN, TNS

ADVOCATE | EXPERIENCED | COMMITTED

Experienced health care professional with an exceptional background as a Registered Nurse specializing in Emergency Medicine. Positive bedside manner, solid medical skills, and a true passion for providing emergency care to patients and supportive care to their families while working within the multidisciplinary health care team. Clinical training and development support a vast array of competencies in emergency medicine, as well as proficiency in computerized documentation. Seeking a position within a respected organization that can utilize my extensive experience and qualified multi-faceted expertise in a rewarding career role.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Medical Emergencies
- Trauma Care/Level 1-4
- Complex Medical Conditions
- Patient Advocacy
- Leadership
- Preceptor
- NIH Stroke Scale Certified
- BCEN Certified Emergency Nurse
- Trauma Nurse Specialist/Wisc.and Ill.
- EPIC trained
- Member ENA
- ACLS, PALS, ENPC, BLS certified

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Rockford Memorial Hospital Rockford, Illinois 2009-present Level I Trauma Center

- Full time staff nurse/Emergency Department
- Board Certified Emergency Nurse
- Trauma Nurse Specialist
- Dedicated member of multidisciplinary healthcare team known for excellent clinical skills; ability to remain calm under pressure; and strength in making swift, correct decisions in emergency situations
- Demonstrated skills in assessment, intervention and stabilization of a variety of trauma and illnesses with decisive action
- Established skills; phlebotomy, IV/IO insertion/port access/routine and critical care skills
- Preceptor and mentor for new and experienced nurses, nurse interns, EMT's and paramedics
- Sexual Assault Exams
- Super User trained to assist in conversion from IBEX to EPIC computerized documentation
- Member: Quality Patient Care Committee
- Maintain required and additional certifications: CEN, TNS, ENPC, ACLS, PALS, BLS, NIH Stroke Scale
- Successful completion of ADN to BSN degree through Olivet Nazarene University with 3.8 GPA

Mercy Walworth Hospital and Mercy Janesville Hospital and Trauma Center Walworth and Janesville, Wisconsin 2004-2009

Level II Trauma Center

- Full time staff nurse/Emergency Department
- Charge Nurse
- Efficiently and knowledgeably provided RN care for all ER patients. Handled intubations, ventilators, defibrillations, transfusions, IV starts, A-lin setups, splinting, phlebotomy, point of care testing, legal blood collections and more
- Responsible for monthly inventory of Pyxis medications for outdates

Aurora Lakeland Medical Center

Elkhorn, Wisconsin 2002-2004

Level 4 Trauma Center

- Staff RN/Emergency Room (2002-2004): decisively provide emergency and trauma care
- House Supervisor (2003-2004): effectively oversee and direct staffing numbers per hospital guidelines while acting as a resource for personnel on patient related clinical issues
- Clinical Supervisor/Medical and Surgical Units (2002-2003): successfully worked collaboratively with Director and CNS to facilitate quality care
- Coordinate and present effective monthly unit staff meetings, interview and select personnel for hire, coordinate orientation and staff development

HCR Manorcare Health Services

Arlington Heights, Illinois (2000-2002)

Sub-acute and Acute Rehabilitation

- Certified Case Manager: on-site assessments of clients at (4) local hospitals, coordinate continuum of care, successful contract negotiations
- Senior Case Management Services: interviewing/training of new case managers, key account management for three largest referral sources

Mid-America Medical Group/Avanti Health Systems

Glen Ellyn, Illinois (1990-2000)

- Lead Case Manager
- Case Manager
- Referral and Precertification Coordinator
- Associate Director of Medical Services
- Regional Manager, Washington D.C.
- Corporate Assistant/National Director of Operations
- Office Administrator
- Staff Nurse

Evanston Hospital

Evanston, Illinois (1981-1984)

- Staff Nurse/LPN II/Medical Surgical Unit

LICENSING, EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

State of Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing
Current License #140411-030

State of Illinois Department of Professional Regulation
Current License #041-299761

Olivet Nazarene University
ADN to BSN completion 2014

State of Illinois
Trauma Nurse Specialist
2012-current

State of Wisconsin
Trauma Nurse Specialist
2008-current

Gateway Technical College
Emergency Medical Technician
Completion 2006

Oakton Community College
Des Plaines, Illinois
Associate Degree in Nursing, RN
Graduated June, 1996

Oakton Community College
Skokie, Illinois
Licensed Practical Nurse, LPN
Graduated June, 1981

Other current certifications and memberships:

Emergency Nurses Association, current member

Emergency Nurse Pediatric Course

ACLS, PALS, BLS

