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 Work History

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| Company Name: | Mercy Medical Center | 06/14/2019 - Present |
| Job Title: | Registered Nurse - Telemetry | |
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| Company Name: | Ashton Center for Day Surgery | 06/14/2016 - 04/14/2019 |
| Job Title: | Certified Surgical Technologist, Patient Care Tech PACU | |
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| Company Name: | Various Hospitals | 01/14/2017 - 12/14/2018 |
| Job Title: | Student Nurse | |
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| Company Name: | Illinois Hand and Upper Extremity Center | 01/14/2013 - 06/14/2016 |
| Job Title: | Certified Surgical Technologist | |
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 Education

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| School: |  | Graduation Date: |  |
| Major: |  | | |
| Degree: | None | | |
| School: | Elgin Community College | Graduation Date: |  |
| Major: |  | | |
| Degree: | Associate Degree | | |
| School: | Elgin Community College | Graduation Date: |  |
| Major: |  | | |
| Degree: | None | | |

 Additional Skills And Qualifications

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| Recent Job Title: | Registered Nurse - Telemetry | Recent Wage: | 0 per |
| Security Clearance: | No |  |  |

 Desired Position

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| Desired Travel: |  | Desired commute: |  |
| Desired Relocation: | No | |  |

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| CANDACE SHIMKUS, RN, CST  9 Frederick Court \* South Elgin, IL 60177 \* 630.673.1071 \* shimkus9@att.net  Profile: Registered Nurse  Medical-Surgical ~ Geriatrics ~ Pediatrics ~ Telemetry Experienced in providing quality nursing care in assigned units at major metropolitan hospitals.  Dedicated and compassionate Registered Nurse with over 6 years of success and contributions in the medical field progressing from a Surgical Technologist to a Registered Nurse. Valuable hands-on experience acquired in various units and clinical settings.  Significant Skills and Abilities Include: \*Administer proactive patient care and build positive relationships with patients, their families, and all members of the healthcare team. \*Dedicated and empathetic patient advocate skilled in educating multicultural patients and families on disease process, isolation protocols, interventions, and rehabilitation guidelines. \*Technically astute with working knowledge of various medical systems, equipment, and electronic records management, as well as Cerner, Meditech, EPIC, and MS Office Suite (Word, Excel, and PowerPoint). \*Engaging and articulate communicator who is a key contributor as part of a multidisciplinary medical team. \*Committed to impacting a patient's life in a significant and positive manner.  CORE COMPETENCIES Nursing Plan of Care Development - Medication Administration - Patient Assessment - Critical Thinking Infection Control - Patient &amp; Family Education - Physician Relations - Patient Safety - HIPPA Compliance Pain Management - IV Administration - Respiratory &amp; Telemetry Monitoring - Trach/Wound Care Mechanical Feeding &amp; Ventilation - Time &amp; Resource Management - Follow-Up &amp; Problem Solving  EDUCATION &amp; CREDENTIALS Registered Professional Nurse - License #Sensitive information was removed, 2/2019 Associates of Nursing (GPA 4.0), Elgin Community College, 12/2018 Certificate of Surgical Technology (GPA 4.0), Elgin Community College, 5/2013 Bachelor of Arts, Accounting, Illinois State University Certified Public Accountant  NURSING EXPERIENCE Mercy Medical Center Aurora - Registered Nurse - Telemetry (June 2019 - Current)  \*Consult and coordinate with health care team members to assess, plan, implement and evaluate patient care plans. \*Conduct patient assessments, administer medications, and implement physicians' orders. \*Identify irregular telemetry readings and notify appropriate medical team members. \*Initiate patient education plan as prescribed by physician. \*Teach patients and families how to manage their illness/injury, by explaining post-treatment home care needs. \*Documented patient care and status in charts. \*Respond to life-saving situations based upon nursing standards and protocols. \*Record all care information concisely, accurately and completely, in a timely manner.   Various Hospitals - Student Nurse (RN Clinical Rotations) (2017-2018) Regional Hospitals \*Worked under supervision of RN and provided quality nursing care for patients on assigned units. \*Conducted patient assessments, administered medications, and implemented physicians' orders. \*Monitored and recorded patient vital signs. \*Educated patients and family members on medical treatments and procedures. \*Documented patient care and status in charts. \*Exposed to a variety of patient cases; ensured highest quality of nursing care services and maintained full compliance with hospital policies and procedures. \*Completed successful clinical rotations in assigned medical units at St. Alexius Medical Center, Centegra Health System, and St. Joseph Presence Hospital  OTHER MEDICAL EXPERIENCE Ashton Center for Day Surgery - Certified Surgical Technologist, Patient Care Tech PACU (6/2016-4/2019) Surgical Center \*Set-up operating room for day and outpatient surgical procedures; secured and arranged medical supplies and tools for orthopedic surgeries, as well as pain intervention procedures. \*Disbursed equipment to surgeons and anticipated needs of doctors or other specialty providers throughout each case. \*Located any contaminated instruments and placed in proper cart system for disease control standards. \*Worked closely with x-ray, pathology, and other special departments/units as needed to acquire medical reports. \*Cleaned and maintained equipment in the operating room, disbursed gowns to members of surgical team, and adjusted lights or other machinery in the room. \*Performed closing instrument counts and applied sterile dressings. \*Anticipated needs of both the surgeon and the surgical assistants; ensured the sterility of scrubs, gowns, and gloves, as well as performed all necessary tool/equipment counts. \*Consistently maintained an organized Mayo stand and back table with a sterile environment throughout all procedures.  Illinois Hand and Upper Extremity Center - Certified Surgical Technologist (1/2013-6/2016) Surgical Center \*Set-up operating room for surgical procedures of the hand and upper extremity. \*Secured and arranged medical supplies and tools for all surgeries. \*Disbursed equipment to surgeons and anticipated needs of doctors or other specialty providers throughout each case. \*Cleaned and maintained equipment in the operating room, disbursed gowns to members of surgical team, and adjusted lights or other machinery in the room. \*Performed closing instrument counts and applied sterile dressings. \*Accountable for decontamination of instruments and safely prepared instrument trays for sterilization. \*Safely disposed of any contaminated instruments and placed in proper cart system for disease control standards. \*Sterilized and maintained excellent working condition of all medical instruments. \*Ordered and maintained supplies inventory. \*Accountable for decontamination of instruments and safely prepared instrument trays for sterilization. \*Sterilized and maintained excellent working condition of all medical instruments.  EARLY ROLE as Certified Surgical Technologist (Clinical Rotations) at Sherman Hospital.  PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS  \*Association of Surgical Technologist Honor Society \*Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society |