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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 |
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| Major: |    |
| Degree: |   Associate Degree |
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| 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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| CANDACE SHIMKUS, RN, CST9 Frederick Court \* South Elgin, IL 60177 \* 630.673.1071 \* shimkus9@att.netProfile: Registered NurseMedical-Surgical ~ Geriatrics ~ Pediatrics ~ TelemetryExperienced 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 COMPETENCIESNursing Plan of Care Development - Medication Administration - Patient Assessment - Critical ThinkingInfection Control - Patient &amp; Family Education - Physician Relations - Patient Safety - HIPPA CompliancePain Management - IV Administration - Respiratory &amp; Telemetry Monitoring - Trach/Wound CareMechanical Feeding &amp; Ventilation - Time &amp; Resource Management - Follow-Up &amp; Problem SolvingEDUCATION &amp; CREDENTIALSRegistered Professional Nurse - License #Sensitive information was removed, 2/2019Associates of Nursing (GPA 4.0), Elgin Community College, 12/2018Certificate of Surgical Technology (GPA 4.0), Elgin Community College, 5/2013Bachelor of Arts, Accounting, Illinois State UniversityCertified Public AccountantNURSING EXPERIENCEMercy 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 HospitalOTHER MEDICAL EXPERIENCEAshton 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 |