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Registered Nurse with 19+ years experience caring for the critically ill in hospital setting--

St Louis, Missouri, United StatesHospital & Health Carevia LinkedIn

Previous positions

Critical Care Registered Nurse at Memorial Hospital - Belleville, IL

Education

Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Bachelor’s Degree, Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse

Background

Summary

Experienced and fully licensed Registered Nurse dedicated to the mission of compassionate patient care. I have a very strong work ethic, great communication and interpersonal skills. I have enjoyed over 19 years of caring for critically ill patients at the bedside and am ready for the next phase of my nursing career. Effectively directing patient care flow through collaboration within a multidisciplinary care team to optimize positive patient outcomes while promoting stewardship of resources.

Experience

Registered Nurse Team Plus Float Pool

SSM Health

2003 – PresentSt. Louis, Missouri

Traveling across SSM Health System working in all Critical Care departments in all 5 adult hospitals, supplementing staffing where needed. Mentoring new Team Plus critical care nurses. Performing timely patient assessments, analyzing and interpreting information for intervention and evaluation. Working closely with physicians and other health care team members to provide quality patient care. Coordination and collaboration with ancillary departments to provide positive patient outcomes. Provide pertinent education to patients and their caregivers.

Critical Care Registered Nurse

Memorial Hospital - Belleville, IL

1998 – 2004Belleville, Illinois

Obtained experience working in Telemetry, Critical Care, and Post-partum patient care.

Education

Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville

Bachelor’s Degree, Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse

1993 – 1997

Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville

Graduated Cum Laude, immediately began nursing career at Belleville Memorial Hospital in Telemetry for 1 year, then moved to ICU where I gained experience in critical care and recovery of Coronary Artery Bypass patients. Transitioned to Mother/Baby for 6 months then returned to ICU.

In 2003 I began working for SSM Health as a Team Plus RN floating to over 20 critical care units within the SSM system.

Skills & Expertise

Cardiac Monitoring

Healthcare Management

Time Management

Critical Thinking

Patient Safety

Interpersonal Skills

Hospitals

Stewardship

Quality Patient Care

Patient Education

NIH

Electronic Medical Record (EMR)

Healthcare

Organization Skills

Hemodynamic Monitoring

Critical Care

Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)

Patient Advocacy

Basic Life Support (BLS)