Ellen Van De Voorde

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Registered Nurse at Advocate Health Care

Elgin, Illinois, United StatesHospital & Health Care

Previous positions

MDS Coordinator at Lifespace Communities, Inc.

Student Nurse Internship, ICU at St. Alexius Medical Center

Education

Northern Illinois University, Bachelor of Science, Nursing

Experience

Registered Nurse

Advocate Health Care

June 2017 – Present(2 years 8 months)Elgin, Illinois

Registered Nurse - Clinical Decision Unit

• Work in a fast-paced acute care setting

• Responsible for patient admissions and discharges

• Able to prioritize multiple patient’s needs

• Effectively work within the CDU team and support other team members as needed

• Emphasize patient safety in daily practice

• Communicate patient status changes promptly to physicians and other healthcare workers as needed

• Utilize and implement nursing process to determine appropriate plan of care for patient

• Trained in ECG interpretation

MDS Coordinator

Lifespace Communities, Inc.

October 2011 – June 2017(5 years 8 months)Lombard, Illinois

MDS Nurse Coordinator

• Effectively conducted care plan meetings with family and patients

• Provided customer service and communicated on behalf of the health center nursing department

• Trained in ICD-10 codes

• Advocated on the patient’s behalf in challenging situations

• Used strong communication within the interdisciplinary team (physicians, administrators, therapy, social worker, activities, and dietary department) to provide the most effective care for each patient

• Performed weekend supervisor duties, handled admissions, and coordinated nursing care

• Followed Medicare guidelines, completed MDS assessments, and created care plans for the patient’s individual medical needs

• Participated in monthly nursing meetings on proper nursing documentation, the MDS process, and patient health care needs

Registered Nurse

• Worked in a long-term care setting

• Was responsible for patient admissions and discharges

• Prioritized multiple patient’s needs

• Emphasized patient safety in daily practice

• Acknowledged and educated patient and family members about changes in medications, diet, labs, and health status

• Performed head to toe assessments and passed medications on all assigned patients in a timely manner

• Proactively assisted team members when needed

Student Nurse Internship, ICU

St. Alexius Medical Center

June 2010 – July 2010(1 month)

• Provided nursing care to ventilator patients; which included administering nasogastric feedings and medication, checking placement and residual, inserting a rectal tube and urinary catheter, skin care and hygiene, suctioning, oral care, and turning.

• Carried out chest compressions during a code.

• Analyzed abnormal labs, vitals, and rhythm strips to identify and understand the pathophysiology and disease process of each patient assigned.

• Offered comfort, support, and respect to the family of a critical patient.

• Valued and recognized the importance of staff teamwork inside the ICU.

Education

Northern Illinois University

Bachelor of Science, Nursing

2005 – 2010

Northern Illinois University

Activities and Societies

• Student Nursing Organization, attended meetings about NIU's School of Nursing, getting updated on events, and other student nursing activities, 2008-2010

• Student Advisory Committee, attended meetings about student concerns and informing the class about upcoming student nursing events, 2008-2009

• Chi Alpha Epsilon (XAE) National Honor Society, 2006-2010

• Graduated with a cumulative 3.28 GPA and made the Dean's List multiple times during my time at Northern Illinois University.

Skills & Expertise

Nursing

MDS

Nursing Care

Vital Signs

Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)

Basic Life Support (BLS)

Certifications

Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)

American Heart Association, License

CPR (CPR)

American Heart Association, License

Registered Nurse

Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, License 041390861

February 2011 – May 2020

MDS Nurse Coordinator

AANAC, License

August 2014 – December 2017