
CARI CROOKS

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Experienced LPN with over 19 years of experience in health care. Excellent reputation for resolving problems, improving customer satisfaction, and driving overall operational improvements. Support needs of patients with unsurpassed clinical knowledge and interpersonal communication skills. Iowa-licensed healthcare professional passionate about providing culturally-competent assistance to every patient. Excellent problem-solving, charting and quality assurance management skills. LPN skilled at communicating, organizing and solving problems to improve level of care and raise quality rankings of health care facilities.

SKILLS

- Charting accurately in charts and have experience with Point Click Care
- Patient advocacy
- Staff supervision
- Client assessment
- Incident reporting
- Charting data
- Diabetic care
- Compassionate patient care
- Care Planning
 - Long-Term Care
 - Treatment Planning
 - Patient/Family Education and Instruction
- Wound care
- Setting up appointments
- Eldercare experience

WORK HISTORY

Charge Licensed Practical Nurse, 06/2016 to 07/2019

Palo Alto County Health System – Emmetsburg, IA

- Reviewed patient history to verify conditions and current medications
- Assessed patients' temperature, pulse and blood pressure and recorded in electronic medical records
- Responded to patient requests with appropriate clinical and personal assistance
- Helped long-term care residents with bathing, dressing, feeding, and other daily living activities
- Circulated assigned floor to measure and record patients' fluid and food levels, implementing measures to promote healthy intake and output as necessary
- Took samples such as blood and urine to complete diagnostic and routine assessment tests
- Collaborated with health care team on evaluation of care plan outcomes, implementing or adjusting

interventions accordingly

- Supported diagnoses by taking blood, urine or sputum samples from patients for laboratory testing
- Documented patient vitals, behaviors and conditions and communicated concerns to supervising primary medical provider
- Managed various general office duties such as answering multiple telephone lines, completing insurance forms and mailing monthly invoice statements to patients
- Delivered oral medications, intramuscular injections and IV fluids to mitigate or resolve patient symptoms
- Helped patients complete day-to-day tasks, including bathing, dressing and eating
- Documented patient information obtained from interviews concerning symptoms, medications and prior treatment
- Clearly and thoroughly explained diagnoses, treatment options and procedures to patients and loved ones, checking in to verify understanding
- Worked with multidisciplinary team to carry out successful treatment plans for diverse acute and chronic conditions
- Gathered patient data, cleaned wounds and changed catheters as part of comprehensive support
- Negotiated agreements between employees to clarify misunderstood directions and resolve conflicts affecting performance
- Performed various administrative functions, including filing paperwork, delivering mail, sorting mail, office cleaning and bookkeeping
- Devoted special emphasis to punctuality and worked to maintain outstanding attendance record, consistently arriving to work ready to start immediately

Charge Licensed Practical Nurse, 04/2011 to 06/2016

Hawkeye Care Center – Milford , IA

- Documented patient vitals, behaviors and conditions and communicated concerns to supervising [\[Job title\]](#).
- Reviewed patient history to verify conditions and current medications.
- Assessed patients' temperature, pulse and blood pressure and recorded in electronic medical records.
- Protected patients and healthcare team members from infection by sterilizing equipment and reusable supplies.
- Worked with multidisciplinary team to carry out successful treatment plans for diverse acute and chronic conditions.
- Took samples such as blood and urine to complete diagnostic and routine assessment tests.
- Delivered oral medications, intramuscular injections and IV fluids to mitigate or resolve patient symptoms.
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EDUCATION

Associate of Applied Science: Practical Nursing, 2000

Iowa Lakes Community College - Estherville, IA

CERTIFICATIONS

40-hr Supervision in Health Care

Basic Life Support