Nicole Smith

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Registered Nurse at VAMC

Milwaukee, Wisconsin, United States Medical Practice

Previous positions

Licensed Practical Nurse at Department of Veterans Affairs

Licensed Practical Nurse at St. Camillus

Education

Herzing University-Brookfield, Bachelor's degree, Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse

Background

Summary

Newly graduated BSN prepared Registered Nurse. Very hardworking, caring and compassionate nurse who goes above and beyond to ensure the proper care and treatment of all patients, residents, veterans, etc., that I have had the pleasure of coming in contact with.

Experience

Registered Nurse

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

October 2017 – Present(2 years 4 months)Milwaukee, Wisconsin

New graduate RN transitioning into the role on a Medical Surgical Telemetry Unit

Registered Nurse

St. Camillus

January 2018 – Present(2 years 1 month)Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Licensed Practical Nurse

Department of Veterans Affairs

January 2010 – October 2017(7 years 9 months)Milwaukee VA Hospital

-Inpatient Spinal Cord Injury and Disorder Unit

-Full time staff nurse on SCI inpt unit caring for veterans with spinal cord injuries and disorders(MS, ALS, etc) affecting the spinal cord. Primary care nursing from bathing to medication administration, wound care management and wound vac treatments, ventilators, as well as rehab nursing

-Participation as a rehab nurse for several newly injured vets. Responsible for team approach to adjusting to life with an SCI. Meeting with team on a weekly basis to discuss current and new goals, progress in rehab and any other concerns for successful re-integration into the community and home life for pt, spouse and family

-As a nurse teaching about b/b management, skin care and how to avoid breakdown/pressure ulcers, medication teaching, together with PT&OT bathing, dressing, transfers, what to expect as a new SCI, Autonomic Dysreflexia, and how to manage, family/spouse education on care for pt SCI, etc

- Trained in podiatry care of SCI patients

-Scheduler-responsible for staffing the unit with nursing staff to meet the needs of our veterans

-SCI Shared Governance Secretary

Recommendations (1)

Licensed Practical Nurse

St. Camillus

August 2012 – February 2016(3 years 6 months)Wauwatosa

-Skilled nursing floor in house pool

-Working various shifts to care for the elderly, long term, dementia and rehab residents

-Assessments, medication administration, treatments/wound care, nurse to doctor communications, handling any changes of condition, oversee cna staff, medicare documention, etc.

LPN

Kindred Healthcare

October 2010 – September 2011(11 months)Greenfield, WI

-Long Term Acute Care facility

- Responsible for the care of acute, critically and chronically ill patients

- Assessments, medication administration, nurse to doctor communication, participation in codes, discharge of patients to home or long term care facility

- Pulmonary/Respiratory Care (including ventilator weaning and management)

-Wound Care at various stages of treatment

- In-Patient Rehabilitation to prepare for discharge home or facility

- Provided medically Complex Care for patients in near critical to stable condition

Licensed Practical Nurse

Sava Senior Care

June 2007 – August 2011(4 years 2 months)Milwaukee and Germantown

-Full time staff nurse on 60 bed long term care unit with rotation to 30 bed dementia unit

-Charge nurse for 21 patients on daily basis responsible for nurse to doctor communication, admission and discharges to facility, home and hospital

- Medication management, assessments, documentation, wound care management, hospice/end of life care, handling changes in condition, supervise CNA's, etc.

LPN

Clement Manor

2009 – 2010Greenfield, WI

-Staff nurse on long term care unit

-Responsible for assessments, medication management, documentation, and wound care management

-Provided hospice/end of life care, supervise cna's, and patient changes of condition

Licensed Practical Nurse

Mitchell Manor

June 2006 – June 2007(1 year)Greater Milwaukee Area

-Full time staff nurse for 31 bed Alz/dementia unit

- Responsible for medication management, assessments, documentation, and wound care management

-Completed nurse to doctor communication, admission and discharges to facility and hospital, handling changes in condition, oversee cna's, hospice care, etc.

Education

Herzing University-Brookfield

Bachelor's degree, Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse

2015 – 2017

Herzing University-Brookfield

Activities and Societies

Presidents Council, Student Nurses Association, Secretary, Wisconsin Student Nurses Association, National Student Nurses Association, Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing , President's/Dean's List

Milwaukee Area Technical College

ADN

2012 – 2014

Milwaukee Area Technical College

-LPN to RN progression student. I was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society Fall 2014.

Activities and Societies

-Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Bluegrass Community and Technical College

Associate's degree, Nursing

2004 – 2006

Bluegrass Community and Technical College

-Majored in Practical Nursing. I received a Practical Nursing Diploma and an Associate in Applied Science Degree.

-I completed studies in Pharmacology, IV Therpay, Microbiology, Maternal Health Nursing, Medical Surgical Nursing, Clinical preceptorship, etc.

Kentucky State University

Criminal Justice

1999 – 2003

-I majored in Criminal Justice with a minor in Gerontology

- I was a member of the marching band and a social organization

Activities and Societies

-University marching band

- Lady Diamonds Social Club/KKI

-Student life

Languages

English

Skills & Expertise

Cpr Certified

Alzheimer's Care

Alzheimer's disease

Elder Care

Long Term Acute Care

Nursing

Medical Terminology

Traumatic Brain Injury

BLS

Wound Care

Patient Safety

Case Managment

Hospitals

HIPAA

Palliative Care

Spinal Cord Injury

IV

Ventilators

Disease Management

Acute Care

Telemetry

Microsoft Office

Customer Service

Treatment

Nursing Care

Inpatient

Patient Education

Direct Patient Care

Medical/Surgical

Medication Administration

Emergency Medicine

Dementia

Healthcare

Critical Care

Vital Signs

Infection Control

Sub Acute Care

Rehabilitation

Certifications

Spanish for Nursing

, License

Licensed Practical Nurse

Wisconsin Department of Licensing and Regulation, License

September 2006 – April 2017

BLS CPR

American Heart Association, License

January 2005 – February 2018