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# Profile

Patient-focused registered nurse with 7 years of experience in the intensive care setting as well as experience as a pre-liver transplant coordinator. Currently travel nursing in California, having just completed a COVID ICU contract. Proven ability to remain focused during high pressure, emergent situations, where life saving care needs to be administered quickly and efficiently. In every situation, my professional intention is to achieve optimal patient outcomes while respecting quality of life.

# Education

## *Loyola University Chicago August 2009 - May 2013*

* Bachelors of Science in Nursing

# Licensure and Certification

* RN- Registered Nurse, CA Expiration: July 31, 2022 License #: 041413799
* RN- Registered Nurse, IL Expiration: May 31, 2022 License #: 041413799
* BLS Certified- American Heart Association, MN-expires August 2022
* ACLS Certified- American Heart Association, MN-expires August 2022

# Experience

## Travel Contracts:

## *Pomona Valley Hospital- Pomona, CA September 2020-March 2021*

## Worked directly with patients with COVID pneumonia and promptly notified the team when the patient began to deteriorate and required further escalation of care including assisting with intubation, proning, and insertion of central lines.

## Maintains consistent contact precautions based on latest CDC/hospital guidelines.

* Consistently spoke with patient’s families to update them on their loved ones status while remaining professional and empathetic and answering all questions in a way that they could understand.

## *University of Chicago- Chicago, IL November 2019- September 2020*

## *Pre-Liver Transplant Coordinator*

## Worked directly with patients, surgeons, hepatologists, pharmacists, dieticians, social workers and insurance companies to quickly and safely get patients in acute/fulminant liver failure listed for transplantation.

* Efficiently managed 45+ liver failure patients with ranging medical histories and co-morbidities including autoimmune, cancer, chronic, and acute forms of liver failure in compliance with UNOS guidelines.
* Consistently monitored patients receiving cancer treatment and those with decompensated cirrhosis. Promptly notified the team about abnormal lab values or imaging and adapted care plans accordingly.

## *Northwestern Memorial Hospital- Chicago, IL December 2017- September 2020;*

## *Staff Nurse—Cardiac Transplant Intensive Care Unit April 2015-March 2017*

* Provided comprehensive care for pre/post-operative patients undergoing cardiovascular, thoracic, and abdominal surgeries and transplants.
* Monitored patients and autonomously maintained hemodynamic and cardiac monitoring, mechanical ventilators, intra-aortic balloon pumps, ventricular assist devices, continuous renal replacement and extracorporeal membrane oxygenation circuits.
* Managed multiple vasoactive drips to sustain and improve patient's hemodynamic stability.
* Assumed a leadership role during codes, delegating various tasks and procedures to optimize outcomes.

## *Loyola University Health System - Maywood, IL December 2013 – May 2015*

## *Staff Nurse 5 Tower—Cardiovascular Unit*

## Managed comprehensive care of 4-5 patients per shift, with a range of medical and surgical histories including pre and post, thoracic, transplant, and cardiovascular interventions.

* Quickly and effectively acted in situations in which a patient’s status became unstable and promptly addressed pressing conditions.