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**PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY**

In an acute care setting proactively support physician and interdisciplinary team in the provision of patient care, with the underlying objective of enhancing quality of clinical outcome. Exemplary client service, team player, relationship building, self-motivated, proactive, organizational skills. Pursuing own professional growth and development. Experienced in Case Management, Medical Surgical, Step-down (PCU), and Behavioral health.

## EDUCATION

Interamerican University of Puerto Rico, Bachelor of science in Nursing 2014, San Juan Puerto Rico.

Manhattan College, Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science 2006, Riverdale New York.

**LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION, PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION**

Registered Professional Nurse New York.

Sigma Theta Tau International -Zeta Omega-At-Large Chapter.

BCLS, ACLS, Current CPI (Crisis Prevention Intervention)

## EXPERIENCE

**NYP /Westchester Behavioral Center (Magnet Recognized) White Plains, N.Y Nov 2019-Present**

Clinical Nurse I

* Responsible for maintaining a safe milieu, restraining, secluding, and initiating 1:1 observation where deemed necessary per protocol.
* Perform initial and on-going bio-psychosocial assessments according to standards of nursing practice.
* Changes in patient’s physiological, behavioral, and medical status are recognized, reported and documented as they occur.
* Administer medication according to policy; eMAR scanning, and medication reconciliation.
* If designated ECT nurse: coordinate ECT scheduling with professional team and patients.
* Psych. emergency experience, Charge Nurse capabilities, skills in admission, discharge, and transfer of patients.
* Participate and cooperate in the unit-based Performance Improvement processes, and utilize Performance Improvement Plan to improve patient safety, Co-Chair of Unit Practice Council.
* Ability to think critically in a fast pace, challenging environment.

**NYP /Allen New York, N.Y Sept. 2016-Nov. 2019**

Clinical Nurse I, Surgical Step-down

* Collaboratively worked with multidisciplinary health care team in maintaining standards of professional nursing practice with HIPPA guidelines followed at all times.
* Ensured that all physicians orders are carried out appropriately.
* Collected and analyzed comprehensive date on patient’s health to develop individualized care plan.
* Maintained cultural and diversity appreciation with patients, visitors, and hospital employee.
* Maintained HCAPPS scores in a team-building environment.
* Preceptor and charge nurse duties, continue education, member of hospital Research, safe handling of Patients committee, Unit Employee of the month January 2019.

**NYP/ Hudson Valley Hospital (Magnet Recognized) Cortlandt Manor, N.Y Feb.2016 – Feb. 2017**

RN Case Manager

* Utilized all hospital computer system to care coordinated plan of care.
* Concurrent reviews to communicate plan of care to third party payer and to care team.
* Monitored patient progress to ensure plan of care and services provided is patient focused, high quality, efficient, and cost effective.
* Applied approved utilization acuity criteria to monitor appropriateness, length of stay of admission and continued stay.
* Assisted interdisciplinary teams, benefit information for in-network providers/facilities, DME, home healthcare, acute, subacute rehab, skilled nursing facilities, and out-of-network if needed.

**COMPUTER SKILLS**

Epic, Allscripts, Cerner, Midas, Curaspan, Interqual, Microsoft Office.