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Bilingual Registered Nurse with 7+ year of professional experience in Telemetry, Medical-Surgical, Step Down, and ICU Acute Care Hospitals. Proven ability to provide direct patient care in a fast-paced environment. Use strong verbal communication skills and humor to develop relationships with patients and their families.

Authorized to work in the US for any employer

Work Experience

Registered Nurse Traveler

ProLink Staffing (The Hospitals of Providence East Campus) Telemetry PCU Floater - El Paso, TX

September 2022 to Present

- Administered medications, tracked, dosages and documented patient conditions.
- Educated patients and families on treatment strategies and at-home care.
- Monitored and recorded patient condition, vital sign, recovery progress and medication side effects.
- Administered oral and IV medications to patients and monitored responses.
- Coordinated care with physicians and other clinical staff to prepare for treatment, carry out interventions and enhance continuum of care to deliver comprehensive services.
- Facilitated patient flow during emergency situations, directing evacuations, admissions, and transfers.
- Interpreted EKG rhythms
- Floated to Progressive Care Unit
- Assisted with high flows, bi paps, drips
- Work closely with all healthcare providers to facilitate and coordinate efficient, effective, and quality healthcare
- Assists physician in the examination of patients and in performing minor diagnostic procedures and treatment
- Conduct diagnostic testing and perform cardiac and respiratory functioning assessments with telemetry monitoring
- Document patient vital statistics, administer medications and perform general checkups as part of daily rounds
- Ensured all patient data was efficiently and concisely entered into the EMR.

RN Travel Nurse

Cross Country Nurses (University Medical Center) - El Paso, TX

June 2020 to September 2022

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RN Telemetry PCU Floater Kennestone Wellstar Hospital

Maxim Healthcare Group - Atlanta, GA

April 2021 to June 2021

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Registered Nurse, Medical/Surgical/Telemetry

Maxim Healthcare - Boca Raton, FL

January 2021 to April 2021

- Cared for patients during a pandemic.
- Administered medications, tracked, dosages and documented patient conditions.
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- Coordinated care with physicians and other clinical staff to prepare for treatment, carry out interventions and enhance continuum of care to deliver comprehensive services.
- Facilitated patient flow during emergency situations, directing evacuations, admissions, and transfers.
- Floated to different floors telemetry, observation, ICU and emergency hold.
- Provided direct care of up to 4 patients per shift
- Triage patients
- Carried out the care plan planning
- Directed and managed critical care patients
- Monitored and documented patient's vitals
- Provided education and discharge instructions
- Supervised student nurses
- Administered oxygen and blood products
- Performed daily rounds with primary care providers and other medical team members
- Analyzed and completed electronic charting

Registered Nurse, Medical/Surgical/Telemetry

HealthTrust Workforce Solutions

August 2019 to September 2020

- Providing basic patient care
- Interpreted EKG rhythms
- Floated to Progressive Care Unit
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Chief Nursing Officer

Mesa Hills Specialty Hospital - El Paso, TX

May 2017 to September 2020

- * A 32-bed Long Term Acute Care Hospital (LTACH). Oversee day to day operations with direct reports: Nursing, Respiratory, therapy, Infection Control/Employee Health and Pharmacy.
- * Training new recruits
- * Developing working rules and strategies for the nursing staff
- * Ensuring that the nursing staff are kept abreast of the latest developments in the field of nursing by regularly educating them
- * Ensuring that the nursing staff are working in keeping with the federal and state laws
- * Listening to the complaints or problems of the nursing staff and solving them
- * Initiating disciplinary actions against nurses
- * Formulating short term and long-term plans for the development of the nursing department

Registered Nurse in ICU Medical/Surgical/Telemetry

Premier Specialty Hospital Of El Paso - El Paso, TX

October 2014 to September 2020

- Manage IVs such as drips.
- Monitor critically ill clients, tracheotomy, and vents
- Ensuring patients and their families understand release instructions
- Supervising CNAs (Certified Nursing Assistants)
- Monitoring fluid and food intake and output
- Giving medication as prescribed by a physician
- Taking vital signs, such as blood pressure, temperature, and weight
- Basic wound care including cleaning and bandaging injured areas
- Giving injections of medication
- Taking medical histories
- Make rounds and obtain new orders from physician

Interim Chief Executive Officer/

Mesa Hills Specialty Hospital - El Paso, TX

May 2017 to May 2018

- Led hospital thru a goal-driven transition to the LTAC/Site Neutral dual-rate system creating a strategic platform for managed care negotiations and expanded episodic LTAC services.
- Improved revenues by 22% through the expansion of clinical programs/services that better aligned cost with care
- Cultivated close partnerships with the Medical Staff and led physician recruitment efforts.
- Well-versed in intercultural communications. Achieved high staff morale and retention as demonstrated by the annual Employee Satisfaction Survey. Reduced turnover by 38%.
- Team Building/Mentoring
- Educated staff on ventilator and drips.

Clinical Liaison/RN Charge Nurse

Mesa Hills Specialty Hospital - El Paso, TX

August 2014 to February 2017

- * Grew program census of 11 to 28 in 8 months
- * Participate in marketing activities and act as liaison with referral sources
- * Performed assessments within one hour of referral, planned, implemented and evaluated patient care: demonstrated competence in assessing physical, psychological and social dimensions of patients.
- * Develops meaningful business and personal rapport with key individuals within all customer accounts
- * Recruited referrals and coordinated with admissions coordinator on scheduling tours of facility.
- * Obtained insurance authorizations
- * Reviewed charts and interview patient and/or family to gather information to determine special needs
- * Educated patient/family regarding hospital programs, admission protocols and financial information as needed

Education

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

University of Texas Arlington - Arlington, TX

2019 to Present

Associates

Anamarc College - El Paso, TX

2012 to 2014

El Paso Community College - El Paso, TX

2007 to 2012

Nursing Licenses

RN

Expires: February 2023

State: TX

Skills

- Critical Care Experience
- EMR Systems
- Infection Control Training
- Hospital Experience
- Laboratory Experience
- Nursing
- Travel nursing
- Acute care
- Medication Administration
- Triage
- Managed Care
- Patient Care
- ICU Experience
- Experience Administering Injections
- Cerner
- Supervising Experience
- Nurse Management
- Vital Signs
- Phlebotomy
- Venipuncture
- Epic
- Case Management
- Medical Records
- Social Work
- Meditech (2 years)
- Care plans

Certifications and Licenses

RN

BLS Certification

Compact State Nurse License

CPR Certification