

CAROLYN GELLNER LUDWIG, BSN, RN, CAPA

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SUMMARY

CAPA-certified Registered Nurse with 13 years of experience including 7 years of staff and charge nurse duties on a Medical-Surgical Telemetry floor and 6 years in an Ambulatory Surgical Care unit with 3 years as a nurse preceptor. Currently on a pre-op travel assignment through mid-May.

LICENSES, CERTIFICATIONS, & PROFICIENCIES

- **RN - Registered Nurse**, LA (Compact License), lic# RN122955, exp. Dec 2022
- **RN - Registered Nurse**, CA, license pending
- **CAPA - Certified Ambulatory Perianesthesia Nurse**, American Board of Perianesthesia Nursing Certification, Inc. (ABPANC), lic# 1811574353, exp. April 2024
- **BLS - Basic Life Support**, American Heart Association, exp. Dec 2021
- **ACLS - Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support**, American Heart Association, exp. Dec 2022
- **EPIC Software** - Over years of experience

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

CAPA-certified Travel Nurse

01/2021 – Present

Sutter Solano Medical Center in Vallejo, CA through Gifted Healthcare | Unit: Ambulatory Surgery

- Served as an emergency contract registered nurse under a temporary CA nursing license
- Prep patients daily for surgeries by providing physical assessments, starting IVs, inserting foley catheters, performing 12 lead EKGs, and providing emergency medical care.
- Recover patients in Phase II Post-Op area.
- Perform COVID-19 test on patients.
- Assist other surgical units as needed.
- Care for post-op patients by providing pain management, post-op education for a safe recovery, and procedural safety tasks.
- Advocate for patient care and safety to all doctors and staff above all else.

CAPA-certified Staff Nurse

03/2020 – Present

University Medical Center | Unit: Outpatient Surgery | Unit Beds: 22 | Caseload: 8 | New Orleans, LA

- Served an essential role as one of the first nurses hired to help open the new outpatient surgery unit.
- Prep patients daily for outpatient surgeries by providing physical assessments, starting IVs, inserting foley catheters, performing 12 lead EKGs, and providing emergency medical care.
- Recover patients in Phase I PACU & Phase II Post-Op areas.
- Perform COVID-19 test on first responders.
- Assist other surgical units as needed.
- Care for post-op patients by providing pain management, post-op education for a safe recovery, and procedural safety tasks.
- Advocate for patient care and safety to all doctors and staff above all else.
- Received positive patient reviews and employment reviews which can be substantiated.

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PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

CAPA-certified Staff Nurse & Nurse Preceptor

03/2015 – 02/2020

Ochsner Baptist Medical Center | Unit: Outpatient Surgery | Unit Beds: 30 | Caseload: 8-12 | New Orleans, LA

- One of only two nurses of 25 staff nurses who achieved the highest-level of Ochsner's Clinical Ladder program (Level 3) which recognizes and rewards professional development, nursing professionalism and the application of clinical nursing expertise in direct patient care.
- Prepped an average of 10+ patients for outpatient and inpatient surgeries by providing physical assessments, starting IVs, inserting foley catheters, performing 12 lead EKGs, and providing emergency medical care as needed.
- Cared for post-op patients by providing pain management, post-op education for a safe recovery, and procedural safety tasks.
- Provided leadership as a nurse preceptor to 6 nurses to ensure top-quality patient care.
- Received bonuses for excellent HCAHPS score.
- Developed proficiency with Epic Software.

Staff & Charge Nurse

06/2008 – 02/2015

Jennings American Legion Hospital | Unit: Med-Surg & Telemetry | Unit Beds: 48 | Caseload: 6-8 | Jennings, LA

- Gained 6 years telemetry floor experience.
- Ensured a high-level of patient care by taking and monitoring vitals, giving medication, providing physical assessments, and more.
- Mentored 3 new graduate RNs as a nurse preceptor, and led a team of LPNs as the lead RN over the weekend night shifts for 3 floors.
- Provided emergency medical care as part of the code team.
- Served as a clinical auditor for multiple units including ER, ICU, Med-Surg, and Labor & Delivery over a two-year period.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

McNeese State University, Lake Charles, LA

- 08/2004 - 05/2008
- Member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing