



# ASHLEY MARIE DENNIS

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## Summary

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Registered Nurse with 11-year background providing compassionate care to diverse patient population. Operating Room Circulator at Level 1 Trauma Center for 8+ years with primary focus being vascular and transplant patients, although experience in most departments of surgery. Currently employed with Transplant Services as Nurse Specialist. Seeking challenging position where my skills, knowledge, and expertise can be utilized to deliver high-quality care. Focus is to support patients with current and future medical need through organization, communication, and patient advocacy.

## Skills & Character

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- Flexibility/adaptability
- Experience in both hospital and medical office setting
- Excellence in communication
- Familiar with high stress environments
- Patient/family teaching
- Critical thinking
- Team leader experience
- Health plan creation
- Care of diverse patient population
- Proficiency in VQI management (Vascular Quality Initiative)
- Computerized charting, excellent typing skills
- EHR/EMR
- Actively involved in performance improvement projects
- Patient care planning
- Training/Nursing Educator
- Policy development
- Public speaking

## Work Experience

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University of Tennessee Medical Center  
Knoxville, TN

### Clinical Nurse Specialist- Organ Acquisition (Transplant)

10/2018 - Current

- Perform physical assessment and obtain complete medical history.
- Identify and properly document patient goals, evaluate progress, and plan reevaluation.
- Order diagnostic testing, coordinate surgery scheduling, and provide post-operative care.
- Evaluate patient care needs, prioritize treatment, and maintain patient flow.
- Medication management.
- Provide patients and loved ones with information about conditions, treatments, possible outcomes, and at-home care.
- Educate patients about treatment care plans and expected outcomes.
- On-call rotation, typically 6-8 shifts (24 hour) per month.

University of Tennessee Medical Center  
Knoxville, TN

### Registered Nurse Circulator- Operating Room

05/2010 - 10/2018

- Cross-trained between all surgical specialties, with primary focus being in Vascular/Transplant surgery.
- Expertise with: Vascular Access, Vascular Intervention, Vascular Bypass/Reperfusion, Abdominal Solid Organ Transplant and Recovery.
- Held Team Leader position of Vascular/Transplant service line, working closely with Vascular Surgeon team.
- Coordinated with multi-disciplinary team to develop care plans for patients.
- Documented patient history and physical status.

- Monitored diagnostics and laboratory data and reported abnormal results to the physician and other appropriate caregivers.
- Ensured proper care of body mechanics and safety of patient.
- Assessed patient condition and discharge planning needs.
- Cleaned and sterilized instruments and disposed of contaminated supplies.
- Completed assessment and reassessments according to patient need and as outlined in policy.

Walgreens | Seymour, TN  
**Certified Pharmacy Technician**  
 06/2006 - 05/2010

- Assist pharmacists with dispensing, reconciling, and filling of medications.
- Manage customers complaints and answer customer queries.
- Fill out prescriptions according to written instructions.
- Answer telephone calls.
- Verify information on prescriptions Perform other duties as assigned.
- Collaborate with providers and insurance companies to optimize patient care.

## Education and Training

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Walters State Community College | Morristown, TN  
**Associate of Science** in Nursing  
 05/2010

- Extensive clinical practice
- Received paid internship position at St. Mary's Main Campus during last year of coursework (Rehab Care Unit).
  - Experience with Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Physical Therapy, Tracheostomy care, Long-Term Care, Transitional Care, Home Health scheduling

University of Tennessee  
 05/2006

- General education credits
- Attended 1/2005 through 5/2006

## Certifications

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Basic Life Support (BLS) Certification

Registered Nurse- Certified by The State of Tennessee (June 18th, 2010-current) License number RN0000176432 (compact state licensure)