Tara Creighton MSN, RN, NPD-BC, CNOR

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**Education**

Chamberlain University College of Nursing

RN to MSN Bridge Program

Westchester Community College, Valhalla, NY

ADN Nursing

College of New Rochelle, New Rochelle, NY

MS Ed Early Childhood Education

SUNY Oswego, Oswego, NY

BA English Literature

**Professional Summary**

Experienced nurse educator with exemplary ability to connect with staff and facilitate professional development. Possesses a proven record of successful administration of orientation as well as the Operating Room (OR) Fellowship. Supports the unit managers by focusing on producing positive staff outcomes while providing high quality patient care. Supports hospital wide goals by working with Infection Control to successfully decrease SSI and update documentation on EMR.

**Work Experience**

**Nurse Educator, Perioperative Division**

**Northern Westchester Hospital, Northwell Health, Mount Kisco, NY 1/2017-7/2021**

* Increase RN retention rates with successful implementation and management of the OR Fellowship based on the AORN Periop 101 program with a mixed didactic and clinical orientation approach
* Oversee orientation of new staff in perioperative division, including OR, ASC, PACU, ENDO, WI, IR
* Assess needs and strengths of trainees providing remediation when necessary
* Provide and maintain documentation of initial and ongoing competencies for staff
* Develop Magnet documents that supported successful Magnet designation
* Collaborate with interprofessional partners to provide hospital wide in-services including high and low fidelity simulation based on learning needs
* Set up weekly lectures to address clinical topics and issues
* Implementation of technology for education including video scribe, podcasts and QR codes for real time access to education material.

**Circulating Nurse, Operating Room**

**Northern Westchester Hospital, Northwell Health, Mount Kisco, NY 12/2011-1/2017**

* Performed focused assessment and obtained significant history of surgical patients
* Prepared operating room, sterile instruments and supplies based on patient individual needs, safety, and surgeon preferences
* Collaborated closely with the patient's surgical team, including the anesthesiologist and surgeon, pre- and intra-operatively
* Communicated with surgical reps regarding scheduling and implants needed for procedures.

**Coordinator of Care/Professional Nurse, Adult Acute Care**

**Visiting Nurse Service of New York, Bronx, NY 6/2006 – 12/2011**

* Responsible for all Oasis-C and managed care reports and documentation
* Decreased re-admission rates by educating patients and families on disease process, diet management, health care procedures, telehealth monitoring and telephone triage
* Managed DME as well as supervised home health aides
* Provided episodic care to caseload 15-25 patients in the home setting
* Connected patient with community resources and referrals as appropriate

**Registered Nurse, Med/Surg**

**White Plains Hospital Center, White Plains NY 6/2004 – 6/2006**

* Manage and provide patient care to caseload of 7-8 patients
* Administer medications and provide wound care and treatments as ordered
* Assess for post-op complications. Educate patient and family on disease management.

**Licenses and Certifications**

Registered Nurse, New York State # 551406

Registered Nurse, North Carolina # T118220

Certified Nurse in Operating Room (CNOR) registered through 2024

Certified Nurse Professional Development (NPD-BC) registered through 2025

ACLS exp 2022

BLS Instructor exp 2022