**Veronica Ortiz**

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**PROFFESIONAL PROFILE**

Determined, empathetic, and compassionate nurse with a background that consists of complex cardiology, cardiovascular and thoracic surgery, and progressive care. Competent and successful in prioritization, customer service, and time management. Exceptional teamwork, communication, and critical thinking skills. Comfortable with slow and fast paced, high stress environments. Proficient in Meditech, Cerner, and Epic.

**EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS**

University of St. Francis Leach College of Nursing

**Bachelor of Science in Nursing**

**PCCN Certified**

Sigma Theta Tau, Nursing Honors Society

ACLS & BLS Provider

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

University of Chicago, Chicago IL November 2020 – Present

**Registered Nurse**

**Cardiothoracic & Vascular Surgery**

* Frequent assessments and care for post cardiac and thoracic surgical patients
* Care of heart, lung, kidney, and liver transplant patients
* Administration of multiple cardiac drips
* Competent in chest tube management
* Proficient with LVAD patient population and equipment
* Educate newly transplanted/LVAD patients on new and important medications
* Closely monitor post vascular surgery patients
* Assess and treat all patients in a timely manner
* Continuous telemetry monitoring via Philips monitors
* Competent with pulmonary hypertension patient population

La Grange Memorial Hospital, La Grange IL March 2019 – November 2020

**Registered Nurse**

**Cardiology & Progressive Care**

* Care of complex medical cardiac patients
* Monitor, record, and report symptoms or changes in patient conditions
* Medication administration including multiple titratable drips
* Distinguish a variety of heart rhythms via telemetry monitoring
* Frequently assess to determine any change in patient condition
* Communicate with an interdisciplinary team to implement the highest quality patient care
* Assess and care for patients pre and post cardiac catheterization
* Listen to and advocate for all patients
* Educate patient and family members on various health conditions
* Comply with HIPAA regulations at all times

Presence St. Joseph Medical Center, Joliet, IL

**Student Nurse Assistant** August 2017 – March 2019

* Demonstrate caring behaviors, focusing on individual’s needs, dignity and cultural sensitivity
* Promote and maintain an atmosphere for patient comfort by keeping patient room clean and orderly
* Assist nurse in providing and documenting basic physical care
* Perform blood glucose monitoring, vital signs, heights, weights, intake and output, and collection of urine, stool, and sputum specimens in an accurate and timely manner
* Seek out direction and supervision in care situations as appropriate

**LEADERSHIP, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND ACTIVITIES**

* COVID Clinic, UChicago Medicine 2021
* Student Alumni Mentor, USF 2020 - Present
* Preceptor, La Grange Memorial Hospital 2020
* Charge Nurse, La Grange Memorial Hospital 2020
* Unit based guidance, La Grange Memorial Hospital 2019
* Fundraising Co-Chair, University of St. Francis Student Nurses Association 2018
* Nursing Student Mentor, University of St. Francis Mentor Program 2017-2018
* Member: National Student Nurses Association 2018
* Volunteer: Morning Star Mission 2018