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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Deliver consistent and professional work for every assignment. Offer 36+ years in patient care and in the medical environment. I have top-notch abilities in clinical nursing and long term patient care.

I am friendly, energetic and dependable.

SKILLS

- Patient care
- Medication passing
- Vaccines

- Medication administration
- Medication dispensing
- On site rapid testing of influenza, strep, mono., blood glucose monitoring, U/A, and urine G&C test
- Charting and recording
- Tuberculosis testing

EXPERIENCE

Licensed Practical Nurse

January 2017 - Current

Iowa State Penitentiary | Ft Madison, Iowa

- Handled patient intake, including documenting vitals, symptoms, and initial assessments.
- Assisted with laboratory services, collecting and preparing samples for testing.
- Administered patient medications according to ISP specifications.
- Recorded patient vital signs, including temperature, pulse, and blood pressure.
- Explained procedures, medications, and plans to patients.
- Managed medication distribution and security for Lockdown unit, ensuring each patient received medication and preventing unauthorized access.

Clinic Nurse

October 2009 - January 2017

Ft Madison Community Hospital | Ft Madison, Iowa

- Documented patient assessments, test results, and treatments in Greenway.
- Handled clinic schedules, including working in patients with emergent needs via available walk-in slots.
- Administered medications to patients and monitor patients for reactions or side effects to quickly intervene in serious issues.
- Resolved or reduced patient symptoms with intramuscular, intravenous and oral medicines.
- Prepared patients for and assist with examinations, treatments, and procedures such as excisions, pap smears, injections, nebulizer treatments, blood glucose readings, U/A specimen.

Licensed Practical Nurse

April 2006 - October 2009

Dr Schulte | Keokuk, Iowa

- Handled patient intake, including documenting vitals, symptoms, and initial assessments.
- Assisted with laboratory services, collecting and preparing samples for testing.
- Explained procedures, medications, and plans to patients.

- Completed routine phlebotomy tasks such as giving injections and collecting laboratory samples.
- Recorded patient vital signs, including temperature, pulse, and blood pressure.
- Maintained productive relationships with patients and families based on trusting and open communication.
- Handled administrative responsibilities, including documenting nursing notes and physicians' orders.

Floor Nurse March 1999 - April 2006

Sava Senior long term care | Hamilton , Illinois

- Supported airway management with respiratory medication administration, ventilation, and tracheostomy care.
- Collected patient specimens and prepared for lab analysis or diagnostic testing.
- Administered oral and IV medication per physician orders.
- Assessed patient needs and evaluated ongoing progress to inform care management.
- Supported care delivery by notifying physicians of changes in patient conditions.
- Administered medications to patients and monitor patients for reactions or side effects to quickly intervene in serious issues.
- Resolved or reduced patient symptoms with intramuscular, intravenous and oral medicines.
- Contributed to team efficiency, optimal patient flow, and accuracy in treatments by maintaining accurate and detailed reports and records.
- Modified patients' treatment plans as indicated by patients' responses and new physician orders.
- Controlled infection risks with careful care of wounds and thorough sanitizing techniques.

Floor Licensed Practical Nurse

May 1987 - March 1999

St Mary's Monastery | Nauvoo, Illinois

- Supported care delivery by notifying physicians of changes in patient conditions.
- Used hand written documentaion to manage patient medical records and document care, symptoms, and medication data.
- Tracked patients' responses to medications, behaviors, and vitals for treating clinicians.
- Supported personal needs and wishes with caring attention to hygiene and grooming.
- Delivered top-notch care for all basic needs, including changing dressings, managing catheters and preventing or treating bedsores.
- Helped patients meet dietary needs by preparing food trays and monitoring intake.
- Kept charts and unit records updated with timely documentation.

LVN Floor Nurse May 1984 - May 1987

Blessing Hospital | Quincy, Illinois

- Assisted patients with walking, transfer, specimen collection, and exam preparation.
- Prepared and assisted provider with dispensing prescribed medications.
- Kept up-to-date records on patient health.
- Reported status changes and concerns to registered nurses and doctors.
- Monitored patient health and administered basic care.
- Administered and medication and documented dosages and times.
- Supported unit needs through effective supply management and detailed recordkeeping
- Improved patient care and outcomes through close collaboration with healthcare team.

EDUCATION

Southeastern Community College , Galesburg , Illinois

Licensed practical nurse Southeastern Community College , Keokuk , Iowa May 1984