**Victoria Funk-Diaz**

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**OBJECTIVE:** Work as a PRN Registered Nurse providing care to our elderly population in LTC and

 rehab settings.

**EDUCATION**

**Bachelor of Science in Nursing,** December 2012

Regis University,Denver, CO

**Associate of Applied Science, Physical Therapist Assistant,** May 2002

Ozark Technical Community College, Springfield, MO

**HEALTHCARE SKILLS/CLINICAL EXPERIENCE**

* *VA Medical Center, Aurora, CO (PACT RN Care Manager)*
	+ Act as a patient advocate in helping to facilitate treatment needs in a timely and efficient manner to include PACT patients in nursing home settings. Assist community providers to gain access to VA services on behalf of the patient. Coordinate and participate in daily huddles to ensure continuity of care for clinic patients. Triage unscheduled patients in the clinic setting as well as on the phone providing nursing assessments and patient education regarding all aspects of care. Collaborate with provider and LPN to provide comprehensive care. Work with multiple disciplines, services, and home health agencies to facilitate patient care needs. Manage urgent patient care in the clinic environment with patient transitions to the emergency department. Conduct post hospital discharge follow-up phone calls making sure patient has scheduled follow-up appointments. Submit consults for numerous disciplines to include community care skilled/unskilled needs, social work, and beneficiary travel. Perform chart reviews every 60-180 days to verify appropriateness of home health consult submissions. Maintain confidentiality of electronic, written, and/or verbal patient information. Request outside hospital records and upload information to be scanned into patient chart for provider review. Draft letters for provider signatures on behalf of patients for various needs. Works cooperatively as a member of a team in all assignments.
* *VA Medical Center, Denver, CO (Registered Nurse)*
	+ Act as charge nurse to the 5 South unit, responsible for up to 20 patients plus medical personnel consisting of nurses and certified nurse assistants. Administer and review medications and interactions, complete dressing changes, lab draws, administer blood products and perform rectal digital stimulation as needed. Complete and document assessment findings in CPRS to include vitals, weight, skin assessments, and bowel and bladder functions. Complete electronic patient admission assessment including full review of systems. Attend rehabilitation rounds as part of an interdisciplinary team to troubleshoot patient needs and medical issues. Communicate with interdisciplinary team to improve patient satisfaction and outcomes. Interact with family and medical personnel to answer questions and obtain answers pertaining to patients present medical condition to provide patient and family education. ACLS certified.
* *VA Community Living Center, Denver, CO (Registered Nurse)*
* Perform start of shift rounds making sure patients are accounted for and needs met. Complete environmental safety rounds making sure call lights within reach, beds in low locked positions, bed/chair alarms on, siderails up and pathways are clear. Responsible for medication administration and management of oral and IV antibiotics for 14+ patients. As charge nurse, responsible for the transfer and/or direct admission of patients to the unit, discharge planning, and chart reviews. Assigning rooms as appropriate, completing head to toe physical assessments and releasing/verifying orders for processing. Contacting provider on duty regarding patient falls, completing post fall notes and implementing follow-up protocols. Communicate with other disciplines regarding patients plan of care and advocate for patient care needs. Assist co-workers as needed in patient’s daily cares.
* *VA Medical Center, Denver, CO (Physical Therapist Assistant)*
	+ Manage treatment of patients with acute and chronic illnesses in providing rehabilitation of deficits secondary to their medical conditions to include: increased range of motion, strengthening, balance, and gait training. Provide appropriate durable medical equipment to include wheelchairs, seat cushions to prevent skin breakdown and walkers. Perform home assessments in preparation for discharge as appropriate. Responsible for knowledge and/or documentation of symptoms, treatment alternatives, drug properties and interactions that may affect patient outcomes.

**RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE**

 **VA Medical Center,** Denver, CO03/2012 – Present

*Registered Nurse, Physical Therapist Assistant*

Work as a primary care PACT RN providing comprehensive services in managing patient care needs. Staff RN in Community Living Center managing patient’s daily needs to include medication administration and nursing assessments. Provide physical therapy to increase strength, range of motion (stretches), balance, safety, and improve gait deficits in patients with amputations, spinal cord injuries and generalized deconditioning.

 **Life Care Center**, Aurora, CO 01/2011 – 01/2012

 *Physical Therapist Assistant*

Provide physical therapy to increase strength, range of motion, balance, safety, and improve gait deficits. Create and implement care plans.

 **Innovative Senior Care**, Denver, CO 11/2005 - 08/2007

 *Physical Therapist Assistant*

Assumed responsibility as Interim Therapy Coordinator for a period of 3 months which included obtaining doctor’s orders, insurance verification, and verbal or written consent to treat.

 **Rehabworks**, Thornton, CO 05/2004-11/2005

 *Physical Therapist Assistant*

Frequently attended patient care conferences utilizing effective communication and interpersonal skills to interact with interdisciplinary team of doctors, therapist, social workers, and family members. Responsible for educating staff through in-service training on proper transfer techniques for increased safety.