

# Dawn Pontious

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Registered Nurse with 4+ years of clinical experience in a level III NICU along with 16+ years' clinical experience as a Registered Respiratory Therapist in both a level III NICU and adult care setting. Detailed orientated team player looking to gain experience and knowledge and utilize skills as a registered nurse in a manner that would provide security to patients, family members, and staff. Committed to achieving exceptional patient outcomes while delivering quality care.

## Work Experience

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### **Registered Nurse**

Covid Relief - New York, NY

February 2021 to May 2021

Assess patients and administer covid vaccines in accordance to policy and monitor patient for adverse reactions and treat appropriately.

### **Registered Respiratory Therapist**

Disaster Relief and COVID 19 Crisis Therapist - El Paso, TX

October 2020 to January 2021

Assigned to a COVID-19 ICU in a 106+ bed hospital working 80+ hours a week consistently. Attend daily rounding with the ICU intensivist to make daily plans for patients. Responsible for inserting arterial lines and managing the arterial lines, assist with intubations, administer a variety of treatments and oxygen modalities (NC, Oxymizers, Vapotherm, BiPAP, Ventilators) on COVID-19 patients. Safely draw arterial blood gases and using critical thinking skills, make the appropriate ventilator changes based on blood gases. Perform spontaneous breathing trials and extubate patients in accordance to hospital policy. Attend rapid responses and codes and administer the appropriate care. Assist ICU nurses with patient care and help transport COVID-19 patients to other areas of the hospital. Assigned to the emergency room administering breathing treatments, obtaining arterial blood gases, assisting with intubations and placing patients on ventilators and BiPAPs

### **Registered Nurse**

Lexington Medical Center - West Columbia, SC

September 2019 to October 2020

Staff nurse in a 20 bed Level II unit, taking care of sick and premature infants, insert and manage IV's and central lines. Perform full assessments and administer medications in a safe manner according to policy. Attend high-risk deliveries and C-sections, safely transport the infant to the special care nursery if further care is needed. Collaborate closely with Physicians on the plan of care for the infant and implement the plan.

### **Registered Nurse**

Bellevue Hospital - New York, NY

April 2020 to July 2020

Assigned to a 25 bed, level III NICU as a COVID-19 crisis nurse in New York City. Function as a staff nurse, working 60-84 hours a week consistently, caring for sick and premature infants as well as infants diagnosed with COVID-19. Perform full assessments, administer medications through central lines and IV sites, care for g-tubes, tracheostomies, Ileostomies, mechanically ventilated patients as well as non-invasive ventilated patients (i.e. SiPAP, NIPPV, and vapotherm). Work as a team with other staff as well as the Nurse Practitioner and Physician Assistants to provide quality care to infants.

### **Registered Nurse**

Palmetto Health Baptist NICU  
December 2018 to May 2020

Staff nurse at a 25 bed, Level III unit. Function as a charge nurse, attend c-sections and high risk deliveries. Perform nightly audits of central lines, make sure staffing needs are met for the oncoming shift, meet with the charge nurses of other areas within the mother baby department to see what their needs are. Coordinate and assist with admissions and discharges. Function as a staff nurse, taking care of sick and premature infants, inserting and managing IV's and central lines. Administer medications in a safe manner according to policy. Collaborate with managers and coworkers on the needs of the unit. Care for post-operative patients, tracheostomies, mechanically ventilated patients, g-tubes, and Ileostomies. Assist Neonatologists with exchange transfusions. Also float to the Richland campus which is a 69 bed Level III unit.

### **Registered Nurse**

Bayada Pediatric Home Health  
September 2018 to August 2019

Assess patients in their home, administer g-tube care, airway care, administer meds, and meet all daily needs of patient care.

### **Registered Respiratory Therapist III**

NICU & Adults - Columbia, SC  
January 2005 to January 2019

Work as a team in a 25 bed level III NICU. Attend all C-sections and high-risk deliveries where there are anticipated complications. Effectively assess patients for acute changes and transport to the NICU in needed for further evaluation. Safely and effectively place UAC/UVC lines and arterial lines in newborns and infants. Very proficient in intubating infants that range in size from 400g and up. Knowledgeable in setting up a variety of ventilators and Nitric Oxide therapy while managing them, per protocol, to achieve desired results set forth by the physician. Proficient in setting up and maintaining, per protocol, many different oxygen delivery modalities including hoods, low flow and high flow nasal cannulas, bubble CPAP and nasal IMV. Assist and teach the nursing staff about trachs and trach care on infants. Safely administer and monitor for side effects of artificial surfactant, aerosolized medications, CPT, and suctioning (oral, NTS and via ETT). Review x-rays for bowel perforation, ETT placement, UAC/UVC line placements and any lung abnormalities and communicate my findings/opinions with the physician for further evaluation. Collaborate with physicians on planning and implementing patient care while maintaining compliance with regulatory standards. Involved in family support and patient education regarding procedures, treatment regimens, recovery measures, medication instructions and prevention and care. Troubleshoot and fix blood gas machines as needed (ABL80 & ABL90). Assess & treat pediatric patients in the ER and adolescents on Psych.

### **Registered Nurse**

SCDC-Broad River Correctional Institute

January 2018 to September 2018

Work as a team assessing inmates that come in with medical problems. Attend emergency situations and assess inmates for the need of further outside treatment. Safely administer medications to inmates including IV fluids and medication reconciliations.

### **Registered Nurse**

Lexington Medical Center

September 2017 to December 2017

Work as a RN at Carolina Pulmonary & Critical Care working as a team with the Physician and other office staff. Took patient vitals and started the rooming process in the office. Placed orders for office patients along with hospital admissions directly from the office. Administered shots in the office and maintained the Physician's schedule, moving patient's appointments around as needed.

### **Registered Respiratory Therapist**

Lexington Medical Center

June 2016 to September 2017

Work independently attending neonatal deliveries, caring for sick infants in the special care nursery while assessing and administering breathing treatments to adults, managing BIPAP's and CPAP's, ventilators and obtain blood gases. Safely transported patients while maintaining their airways.

### **Registered Respiratory Therapist**

NICU & Adults - Columbia, SC

December 2008 to August 2016

Work independently to administer respiratory treatments to patients of all ages, including infants, pediatric, adult and geriatrics. Obtain arterial blood gases, analyze and report findings to the physician. Implement ventilator and BIPAP/CPAP modalities and manage them according to physician orders. Assess patients for acute changes and report these changes to the physician. Treatment areas include care of patients in all areas of the hospital, including med/surg floors, PACU, OR, ICU and emergency room.

## Education

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### **Bachelor Degree of Nursing in Nursing**

Columbia College - Columbia, SC

August 2019

### **Associate Degree of Nursing in Nursing**

Midlands Technical College - West Columbia, SC

December 2016

### **Associate Degree of Applied Science in Applied Science**

Midlands Technical College - West Columbia, SC

May 2005

## Nursing Licenses

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### **RN**

Expires: May 2022

State: SC

## Skills

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- Excellent in computer skills (Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
- Proficient in electronic medical records programs, Meditech, Cerner and EPIC
- Proficient in arterial punctures/IV's on neonates, pediatrics, adult patients
- Safely and efficiently transport patients of all ages on various respiratory modalities
- Ventilator Management (PB840, GE Engstrom, GE Carescape R860, Servo I, Servo N, Servo S, Drager, HFJV, HFOV, Home Vents)
- Infant Care
- Vital Signs
- Hospital Experience
- Critical Care Experience
- Nursing
- Pediatrics

## Certifications and Licenses

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**BLS Certification**

**ACLS Certification**

**RRT**