

# Candace Highhouse

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Compassionate service-minded Registered Nurse with over 15 years experience at building rapport with patients and working effectively with a wide range of physicians, technologists, nurses, and staff. Loyal and collaborative team player with superior work ethic.

## Work Experience

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### **Circulating Nurse**

Franciscan Health - Lafayette, IN

June 2021 to Present

Plan, execute, direct and evaluate nursing care given to surgical patient through perioperative experience to promote highest quality and patient safety.

Educate patients and loved ones regarding operating procedures, expectations, side effects and recovery process.

Provide compassionate, individualized care for each patient while in operating room.

Communicate with healthcare team members to plan, implement and enhance treatment strategies.

Facilitate therapeutic communication, conflict resolution and crisis intervention by redirecting negative behaviors and helping patients regain or improve coping abilities to prevent further disability.

Administer different therapies and medications in line with physician orders and treatment plan.

Demonstrate ability to advocate for and strive to protect health, safety, and rights of patient.

### **Registered Nurse**

Maxim Health Services - Lafayette, IN

November 2020 to April 2021

Evaluated proficiency of student athletes, coaches, and ancillary staff to self administer SOFIA 2 SARS rapid Covid-19 antigen test for Purdue University Sports, NCAA Diving Championship, Big 10 and NCAA basketball tournaments, and Big 10 Rowing Championship

Placed swab in reagent (lyophilized buffer with detergents and reducing agents mixed with salt solution) for a one minute time frame; pipetted reagent onto test cassette (Monoclonal anti-SARS antibodies)

Placed test cassette into SOFIA 2 analyzer after developing for 15 minutes for test results

Vaccinated students, faculty, and staff at Purdue University to protect individuals from Covid 19.

### **Preoperative Services Registered Nurse**

Unity Surgical Center - Lafayette, IN

September 2011 to April 2021

Educated patients and loved ones regarding operating procedures, expectations, side effects and recovery process.

Prepared, implemented, and evaluated nursing care for patients through each step of surgical procedure.

Provided compassionate, individualized care for each patient while in operating room.

Delivered high level of quality care to diverse populations while overseeing patient admission and triaging based on acuity and appropriate department admission.

Conducted ongoing monitoring and evaluations of behaviors and conditions, and updated clinical supervisors with current information.

Used first-hand knowledge and clinical expertise to advocate for patients under care and enacted prescribed treatment strategies.

Administered different therapies and medications in line with physician orders and treatment plan.

Accurately documented all elements of nursing assessment, including treatment, medications and IVs administered, discharge instructions and follow-up care.

Demonstrated ability to advocate for and strive to protect health, safety, and rights of patient.

### **Perioperative Registered Nurse**

IU Health Arnett Ambulatory Surgery Center - Lafayette, IN

May 2006 to September 2011

Planned, executed, directed and evaluated nursing care given to surgical patient through perioperative experience to promote highest quality and patient safety.

Educated patients and loved ones regarding operating procedures, expectations, side effects and recovery process.

Admitted, assessed and prepared ambulatory care patients for surgery in accordance with surgery center policies and individual patient needs.

Provided compassionate, individualized care for each patient while in operating room.

Communicated with healthcare team members to plan, implement and enhance treatment strategies.

Facilitated therapeutic communication, conflict resolution and crisis intervention by redirecting negative behaviors and helping patients regain or improve coping abilities to prevent further disability.

Administered different therapies and medications in line with physician orders and treatment plan.

## Education

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### **Associate's degree in Registered Nursing**

St. Elizabeth School of Nursing - Lafayette, IN

August 2002 to May 2005

### **Bachelor of Science in Retail Management**

Purdue University - West Lafayette, IN

May 1987

## Nursing Licenses

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### **RN**

Expires: October 2021

State: IN

## Skills

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- Nursing
- Triage
- Medication Administration

- Hospital Experience
- Epic
- Experience Administering Injections
- Vital Signs
- Cerner

## Certifications and Licenses

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**BLS, ACLS, PALS**

## Additional Information

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Registered Nurse Compact License 4/5/2021