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CERTIFICATIONS

- BLS- 2023

SKILLS

- Maintain a surgical conscience in surgical suites and around sterile fields
- Remain motivated and energetic throughout the day with a "can do" attitude
- Excellent at problem solving
- Maintain a tidy surgical suite
- Keep an organized and tidy surgical field
- Ensure all sharps, softs, and surgical instruments are accounted for
- Maintain patient privacy
- Adhere to hospital standards which are in conjunction with AORN
- Effective communication skills
- Team driven work ethic
- Accountable, punctual, and self-motivated

EDUCATION

McKendree University

Aug 2020 – July 2021
BSN

Completed the accelerated BSN program while maintaining a GPA greater than 3.5. Inducted into the McKendree University chapter of Tau Sigma National Honor Society. Piloted and implemented an improvement in the patient handover process as my capstone for my Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. This tool was implemented for all of perioperative services so that the improved handover tool flowed with each patient, through each perioperative department, while incorporating each departments information needs. The surgical handover tool travels with the patient throughout the entire surgical process to standardize and aid in the communication process, allow for continuity of care, and an easy reference of pertinent information. The communication handover tool's current format is in paper form, future preference would be for this form to be incorporated into the epic system to allow for complete paperless charting and tracking.

Southwestern Illinois College

July 2017 – May 2019
ADN

WORK EXPERIENCE

Memorial Hospital- Belleville, IL Operating Room Staff RN

June 2019 – Present

A dedicated operating room nurse with more than two years' experience providing care to surgical patients in both routine and acute care settings. I have an emphasis in vascular and general surgery, and well versed in orthopedics, cystoscopy, and some plastics. I can proactively and efficiently operate in either a circulator or scrub role. As a circulator I prepare the surgical suite according to surgery and surgeon's preference. Collaborate with surgical team to implement and maintain a high standard of safety for patients while in direct care of surgical team. Effectively communicate with surgeon and patient's care team to facilitate timely continuation of surgical cases. Readily familiar with preparing blood orders and assisting with blood administration in emergency situations. Accustomed to handling large quantity of specimens with correct and accurate identification and labeling according to hospital policy.

When acting in an RN surgical scrub role I adhere to aseptic practices to maintain a safe environment for each patient. Ensure all instruments, softs, and sharps are accounted for upon ending surgical procedure. Assist with positioning, prepping, and draping while maintaining patient privacy. Feel most confident in scrubbing hybrid endovascular surgical procedures, vascular procedures, general surgeries, and bronchoscopies. Additionally feel confident in scrubbing routine cystoscopy and orthopedic procedures. Proactive in quick and efficient room turnovers.

Memorial Hospital – Belleville, IL PCT

January 2017 – June 2019

Improved patient care, safety and compliance by partnering with nurses. Promoted patient satisfaction by assisting with daily living needs such as bathing, dressing, toileting and exercising. Monitored and charted fluid intake and output to stay current on patient conditions. Recorded observations and baseline measurements to maintain accurate medical records.

Animal Emergency Center – Collinsville, IL Veterinary Technician

January 2010 – June 2019

Provided direct patient care in an acute veterinary hospital setting. Administered gas anesthetic agents and monitored patients' hemodynamic stability throughout induction, maintenance, emergence, and recovery from anesthesia during surgical procedures. Scrubbed, counted, and packed surgical instruments and drapes into surgical packs for autoclave sterilization. Operated anesthetic machines, oxygen equipment and monitoring equipment. Prepared animals for surgery, including clipping, scrubbing, and disinfecting operative site. Assisted veterinarian with surgical procedures by maintaining sterility and utilizing aseptic techniques throughout procedures. Notified veterinarian of any changes in stability of patient and altered care as ordered from veterinary doctor. Placed nasogastric and orogastric tubes for gastric suction, lavage or reflux. Proficient with placing intravenous catheters while implementing aseptic technique. Performed dental procedures, including smoothing, filing, polishing, and removal of calculus, soft deposits, plaque and stains. Administered and applied treatments, medications, and oxygen therapy. Completed admission records, including statements made by client concerning patient's problems and history. Train and mentor new staff. Performed routine laboratory procedures such as hematology, microbiology, parasitology, blood chemistry, urinalysis and serology.

CONFIDENCE IN SKILL CAPABILITY

