

Darren DeCuir

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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

I thrive in an environment where I can utilize my love of patient care, time-management skills, developed customer service abilities, desire to succeed, and drive to get the job done. Working as a Behavioral Health LPN and as a Pediatric Home Health Nurse, I have received accolades for my ability to care for the ever-changing needs of my patients while implementing critical time-management in a fast-paced patient care environment. My success and continuous achievement of above-the-bar annual reviews was due in part to the ability to manage the many details of an environment that combined direct patient care on the floor and an office environment where documenting in an electronic health records system, answering phone calls, and coordinating patient care with fellow nurses, Medical Providers, and Case Workers was imperative. I have been awarded the coveted Daisy Award-which is awarded to the nurse who receives the most complementary comments by patients over several months.

While working as a Home Health Nurse, I worked independently to provide for the needs of my pediatric patient. This required the mastery of specialized nursing skills relevant to a high-need patient. My success was accomplished through flexibility to learn in a variety of settings paired with sound clinical judgment. My love of learning and drive to succeed has enabled me to master any position I have had the privilege to hold.

Major strengths include being a solid team player with the proven ability to work independently, attention to detail and accuracy, proven excellence in customer service and patient care skills, with a history of responsible service to my employer and the goals of the company. Professional appearance and character. Windows based computer skills to include Microsoft Office suite.

PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Mercy South Hospital-Hyland Behavioral Health Center Behavioral Health LPN (02/25/2019-10/28/2021)

As a full time member of a team of nurses on a variety of Behavioral Health units in an In-patient setting, I supported the needs of my patients to include: shift assessments for an assigned team of patients, passing medications, drawing labs as needed, processing labs for transport, coordinating care for assigned patients with the full spectrum of providers within the patient's healthcare team, addressing patient concerns, charting on assigned patients, and providing emotional support as needed for all patients assigned to our unit. Providing education and medication review for patients was a daily responsibility. This required me to be knowledgeable on of a wide range of both psychiatric and medical related medications and the ability to use pharmaceutical reference. Care for Behavioral Health patients frequently involved engaging patients in motivational interviewing, therapeutic teach-back, and implementation of behavior modification plans to assist the patient in achieving their life goals. Flexibility was required in this position to work on any of the four units within Highland, to include: three adult units and one adolescent unit. As a staff nurse it was imperative to remain up-to-date on all assigned learning tasks and training events. American Red Cross First Aid, MANDT, and CPR certified.

Phoenix Home Care LPN Pediatric Home Care (11/29/2018-02/24/2019)

As a dynamic member of a home healthcare network, I worked remotely and independently supporting the needs of pediatric patients in their home setting including: Vent care, Tracheotomy care, GB care, medication

administration, supporting the client's PT goals, and other nursing care as required. This involved adapting to the needs of a unique patient in changeable environments. Success required the balance of time management to meet the patient's care goals with a compassionate concern for the limits of an individual. Accurate documentation was essential to track all aspects of patient care. This was combined with thorough communication with out-bound and in-bound nursing staff, as well as keeping the Coordinator and Nursing Manager aware and informed.

EDUCATION

- **Washington School of Practical Nursing, Diploma earned: 07/2018**
Student of the Month, October 2017
- **University of Missouri-St. Louis, Bachelor of Arts earned:08/1992 Major: Psychology**

LICENSES

- **LPN License (IV Certified) through the state of Missouri, License Number-2018040057, Unencumbered earned; 10/31/2018 (Multistate License)**

CERTIFICATION

- **Certified Health Coach through the Dr. Sears Wellness Institute, 12/12/2021**

ADDITIONAL WORK HISTORY

- **Direct Support Personnel, Emmaus Homes: 04/2013-11/29/2018.** Working overnights supporting the needs of developmentally disabled adults: Certified Medical Technician.
- **Service Tech, Pella Windows and Doors: 04/2001-09/2011.** Service Technician position in Franklin County area was eliminated due to economic factors.
- **Missouri Army National Guard, Aviation officer: 05/1988-07/2004.**-Promoted as an enlisted soldier, completed my college degree and ROTC training, then received my commission as an officer. Completed the intensely challenging Army Aviation Training Course. Chose to separate with Honorable Discharge after service obligations were complete for personal reasons.

MEDICAL VOLUNTEER HISTORY

- **Church Safety Team Medical Assist Team member:** Maintain training to be equipped to assist with injury or mass casualty scenarios should they occur.
- **Mission Team member:** Participated in a mission trip to Haiti where I worked in a children's nutrition clinic, worked on construction projects to improve the living environment at an orphanage, and played games with children at an orphanage for developmentally disabled children.