

# Laura Wheeler

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Registered Nurse | Specializing in Behavioral Health and Geriatrics

Active Unencumbered Illinois License Number: 041306449

Registered Nurse deeply committed to providing quality, compassionate patient care. Nursing background includes Behavioral Health and Geriatrics

## Work Experience

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### **RN, RN, Geriatrics and Long-Term Rehabilitation Services**

Arcadia Care - Clifton, IL

May 2021 to Present

Staff nurse on long-term care and quarantine units. Use of Point-Click-Care electronic health records. Maintain Covid safety measures, PO, G-tube and IV medication administration. Participate in discharge and administration processes.

Care of patients with suprapubic, nephrostomy, and foley catheters. Tracheostomy care. Dressing changes.

Address: 1190 E. 2900 North Rd., Clifton, Illinois 60927

Phone: (815) 918-8490

Contact Person: Kim Ratliff, DON

### **RN, Geriatrics and Long-Term Rehabilitation Services**

Riverside Miller Center - Kankakee, IL

June 2020 to May 2021

Staff nurse on multiple units including Medicare, Rehabilitation Services, and Long-Term-Care. Use of EPIC electronic health records. Medication administration for 20 plus patients. Care and maintenance of Subclavian and PICC lines and administration of IV medications via these lines. Tube feedings. Participated in restorative nursing care. Foley and ostomy care. Wound care. Supervision of LPNs and CNAs.

Address: 1601 Butterfield Trail, Kankakee, Illinois 60901

Phone: (815) 936-6500

### **RN, Behavioral Health**

Valleywise Behavioral Health - Phoenix, AZ

August 2019 to May 2020

Staff nurse on 24 bed unit. Use of EPIC electronic health records. Care for adult patients on court-ordered evaluation and court-ordered treatment. Complete admission assessment, daily assessments, and participate in discharge planning.

Address: 5102 W Campbell Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85031

Phone: (602) 655-1000

Contact Person: Ugochukwy Friday (Immediate Supervisor) 623-698-3933

## **RN, Forensic Psychiatry**

ARIZONA STATE HOSPITAL - Phoenix, AZ

May 2018 to July 2019

Charge Nurse and Med Nurse on 20 bed male Forensic unit. Manage LPNs. Administer meds via an electronic MARS/Pyxis system, attend staffings with the treatment team and patients to help patients reach their goals regarding the PSRB (Psychiatric Security Review Board) requirements. Document monthly summaries and update treatment plans  
Address: 2500 E Van Buren St, Phoenix, AZ 85008  
Phone: (602) 220-6000  
Contact person: Ugochukwy Friday (Immediate Supervisor) 623-698-3933

## **RN, Acute Behavioral Health**

AURORA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH - Glendale, AZ

October 2012 to May 2018

Provided care to adults and adolescents with mental health, substance issues, and dual diagnoses. Administered medications, completed daily mental health and medical assessments on 10-13 patients. Performed intake assessments on new admissions. Collaborated in the discharge process. Oversaw behavioral health technicians.  
Address: 6015 W Peoria Ave, Glendale, AZ 85302  
Phone: (623) 344-4400

## **RN, Acute Behavioral Health**

ST. LUKES BEHAVIORAL HEALTH - Phoenix, AZ

October 2007 to August 2012

Relocated to Phoenix, Az. Float nurse on adult and adolescent voluntary, court-ordered, and medical detox units. Functioned as a charge nurse. completed nursing admission assessments on new patients. assessed patient's medical and psychiatric presentation. Completed narrative notes on patients' condition each shift. Administered PO and injectable medications. Oversaw behavioral health technicians.  
Address: 1800 E. Van Buren Street, Phoenix, Az., 85006  
Phone: (602) 251-8535

## **RN, Acute and Crisis Behavioral Health**

MINGUS CENTER - Cottonwood, AZ

September 2005 to September 2007

Recruited into Behavioral Health by previous co-workers. Performed initial psychiatric and medical assessments on patients brought in by police or crisis team. Stabilized patients on medications. Provided for safety of patients and staff. Collaborated with all disciplines to provide follow up placement of patients. Provided medical detox for patients suffering from substance abuse.  
(Note: Mingus Center is no longer in operation)

## **RN, Long-Term and Subacute Care**

Address - Cottonwood, AZ

August 2002 to September 2005

- KACHINA POINT— Sedona, Az

Relocated to Arizona. Charge nurse. Supervised CNAs and LPNs. Completed Nursing

Intake Assessments Provided care to 30+ LTC residents including feeding tubes, wound care, and daily skin assessments. Provide sub-acute primary nursing care to patients with recent surgeries. Administered medications. Completed Monthly Summaries and Minimum Data Set assessments  
Address: 505 Jacks Canyon Rd, Sedona, AZ 86351  
Phone: (928) 203-8660

### **RN, Private Pay Long-Term Care**

CLARKE LINDSEY VILLAGE - Urbana, IL  
March 2002 to June 2002

Administered medications to 30+ geriatric and dementia residents. Audited charts and doctors' orders. Provided for safety of patients. Supervised CNAs. Resigned when I relocated to Arizona.  
Address: 101 W Windsor Rd, Urbana, IL 61802  
Phone: (217) 344-2144

### **RN, Long-Term Care**

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY NURSING HOME - Urbana, IL  
February 1997 to March 2002

Charge Nurse. Cared for geriatric and Alzheimer's patients. Administered PO, injectable, Peg tube, and NG medications. Delivered Peg tube and NG feedings. Participated in MDS/RAP development. Provided end-of-life support to residents and their families. Managed CNAs and LPNs. Employed as a CNA prior to graduating Nursing School. Transferred to a long-term care facility offering 12-hour shifts.

Address: 500 Art Bartell Rd, Urbana, IL 61802

Phone: (217) 384-3784

#### **Achievement Highlights**

- Communicate effectively with patients, families and caregivers to facilitate outstanding levels of care and service.
- Recognized by co-workers for calm demeanor.
- Achieved top marks from employers for strengths in multidisciplinary team collaboration, teamwork, and general nursing skills.

## **Education**

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### **BSN**

Aspen University  
October 2021

### **MS in Professional Counseling**

Grand Canyon University - Phoenix, AZ  
May 2007 to June 2009

### **Associate of Science in Nursing**

Parkland College - Urbana, IL  
January 1994 to December 1996

### **Bachelor of Science in Psychology**

University of Phoenix - Phoenix, AZ

## Nursing Licenses

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### **RN**

Expires: May 2022

State: IL

## Skills

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- Medication administration and experience with Emars/Pyxis machines
- Psychotropic medications
- Psychological and medical assessments
- Treatment and discharge planning
- Crisis intervention
- Time management
- Patient and family education
- Excellent documentation skills
- Psychiatric disorders, substance abuse, and personality disorders
- Diabetic management
- Wound care
- G-tube and NG feedings and medication administration
- EKGs
- Skin Care
- Decubiti prevention and management
- Fall Prevention
- Motivational Interviewing
- Behavioral Health
- Dementia Care

## Certifications and Licenses

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### **RN**

October 1997 to October 2022

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