

# ELIZABETH SALAZAR

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

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Enthusiastic, driven, and hardworking Registered Nurse with a plethora of experience in diverse patient populations across acute care settings. Adaptable and resilient with strong attention to detail and clinical expertise.

## SKILLS

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- Bilingual (Spanish-speaking)
- Proficient in Epic and Cerner EMR systems
- Skilled in blood draw/sample collection, IV insertion
- Experienced in management and use of life support equipment such as AEDs, crash carts
- Skilled at medication reconciliation
- Adept at quick and efficient Care Coordination
- Critical Thinking

## WORK HISTORY

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03/2017 to Current

### Neurosurgical ICU Staff RN

University Of Illinois Hospital – Chicago, Illinois

- Provided quality comprehensive nursing care for critically ill patients on a 24 bed neurosurgical unit
- Performed vigilant monitoring/treatment of patients in acute phases of various neurological conditions including hemorrhagic and ischemic stroke, subdural hematomas, brain tumors, arteriovenous malformations, epilepsy, and spine conditions
- Recovered surgical and interventional radiology patients post anesthesia, whilst cautiously transporting them to post surgical CT scans
- Collaborated closely with members of the interdisciplinary team to deliver quick and effective treatments at the first sign of patient decompensation
- Exemplified expertise as a neurological resource RN that responded to stroke codes throughout entire hospital
- Served as patient advocate when consulting with members of the care team, such as speech, nutrition, physical, and occupational therapists to effectively modify treatment plans

12/2015 to 06/2016

### Travel Nurse, Adult ICU

Queens Medical Center – Honolulu, HI

- Accurately assessed individual conditions and needs to provide the optimal level of care for patients with numerous medical diagnoses
- Recognized life threatening arrhythmias and administered proper emergency course of action during code situations

07/2015 to 11/2015

### Travel Nurse, Adult ICU

California Pacific Medical Center, Hospital – San Francisco, CA

- Delivered outstanding care to medical/surgical and cardiac patients according to hospital policy
- Monitored patients' respiratory status and ventilator operation and assisted with adjustments to promote stabilization

12/2014 to 06/2015

### Travel Registered Nurse, ICU

Cedar Sinai Medical Center – Los Angeles, CA

- Floated to all units of the Saperstein critical care tower and main hospital
- Assessed, planned, and implemented care for patients in all areas of the hospital in

accordance with specific unit standards and maintained strict HIPPA compliance

- Cared for patients post heart transplant, CABG, TIPS procedures, angioplasties and stent placement

08/2014 to 11/2014 **Travel Nurse, Adult ICU**

**Palomar Medical Center** – Escondido, CA

- Cared for patients admitted with neurological alterations due to trauma, as well as patients with cardiac issues requiring stenting or angioplasty
- Managed EVDs, external pacemakers, chest tubes

12/2010 to 08/2014 **Staff Nurse, Medical Intensive Care Unit**

**Loyola Medical Center** – Maywood, IL

- Provided prudent and comprehensive nursing care on a 16-bed, critical care unit specializing in treatment of unstable, complex patients with a myriad of life-threatening illnesses
- Cared for patients with conditions such as ARDS, COPD, Asthma exacerbations, MI, Septic and cardiogenic shock, DIC, DKA, GI-Bleeds, ETOH withdrawal, drug overdose
- Assisted physicians during bedside procedures such as endoscopies, bronchoscopies, chest tube insertions, tracheostomies and peg tube placements by safely administering conscious sedation and monitoring patients per hospital policy
- As charge nurse, used a team approach to recognize and respond appropriately

## **EDUCATION**

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05/2010

**Bachelor of Science: Nursing**

**Loyola University of Chicago** - Chicago, IL

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

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RN, BSN

BLS, ACLS

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## **LANGUAGES**

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**Spanish**

Native or Bilingual