Samantha Mercado

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**Registered Nurse**

*Accomplished and dedicated nursing professional with more than 12+ years of experience delivering comprehensive and compassionate patient care. Specialized in a variety of medical settings including clinical environments, nursing facilities, and home health care. Extensive training and acumen for data collection and analysis, patient care plan preparation and collaboration with medical and non-medical stakeholders.*

**Education and Credentials**

**Bachelor of Science in Nursing** | Chamberlain University

**Registered Nurse** | State of Virginia (#0001280114)

**Basic Life Support Certification** | American Heart Association

**Professional Experience**

**Registered Nurse**| Blessed Healthcare Professionals Sept 2019 to Nov 2020

* Admitted new clients by assessing new clients at their home and completing DMAS forms and admission documents (DMAS 99, DMAS 62, DMAS 103, DMAS 97A/B and others)
* Completed Supervisory Nursing Visits every 30 to 90 days depending on client wavier(EDCD, DD, Skilled)
* Provided documentation, assessment reports following every Nursing Supervisory Visits
* Created and updated Plan of Care (DMAS 485) for skilled clients and created Plan of Supports for DD wavier clients
* Collaborated with Support Coordinators, Medicaid and Health Insurance Companies like Anthem, VA Premier, and Optima Health for authorized hours and certification for services like personal, private duty nursing and respite care. Request for extensions as needed per clients condition.
* Completed Quarterly Reports for DD wavier clients every 3 months.
* Reviewed documentation of in home nurses and worked together with nurse and client to ensure client receiving best care.
* Cared for patient on ventilator, trach, and g-tube in home as needed. Ensured Ventilator working properly, changed tubing, suction client, provided trach and mouth care, administered medications via g-tube and hang feedings via g-tube pump, monitored vital signs, and performed head-to-toe assessment, assessed environment, safety, and overall health of client.

**Registered Nurse |** Carriage Hill Health & Rehab CenterAug 2019 to Feb 2020

* Perform head- to- toe assessments and collect patient health history
* Administer medication, change wound dressings, and other treatment options like IV’s, inserting foley catheters.
* Read and interpret patient information and make treatment decisions when appropriate
* Consult with supervisors and doctors to decide the best treatment plan for patients
* Direct and supervise nursing assistants and aides

**Registered Nurse** |Envoy of Woodbridge Skilled Nursing FacilityAug 2018 to Jun 2019

* Conduct comprehensive assessment and utilize acquired knowledge and skills to provide appropriate care based on the age-related needs of individual residents
* Performed basic medical care procedures including inserting catheters, changing wound dressings, giving insulin and other injections, providing trach care, and administering oxygen as needed
* Monitor residents’ overall health and ensure that residents receive exceptional care and service
* Collaborate with clinical and non-clinical staff and other members of the patient’s health care team to develop an individualized care plan to facilitate an immediate action plan

**Care Assistant** | Griswold Home Care Nov 2016 – Dec 2017

* Observe and document patients’ overall health, including mental, emotional, and physical well-being
* Facilitate daily functional activities for patients, including bathing, dressing, toileting, & housekeeping
* Ensure the safety of patients through environmental assessment

**Care Assistant** | INOVA Fairfax Hospital Oct 2011 – Oct 2016

* Provided exceptional care for postpartum mothers and newborns in accordance with hospital protocol
* Collected and documented inputs, outputs, and vital signs for mothers and infants
* Performed basic medical procedures, including blood draws and removal of catheters and IVs
* Communicated regularly with physicians and clinicians to notify the nurse of any change in patient condition

**Certified Nursing Assistant** | Fairfax Nursing Center Mar 2007 to Oct 2011

* Provided specialized care for residents and facilitated activities of daily living on their behalf
* Performed basic medical procedures and documentation, including the collection of required specimens
* Recorded meal intake, vital signs, and blood glucose levels in an electronic database system

**Nursing School Clinical Rotations**  June 2016 to Dec 2017

**Reston Hospital** | Novant Health Prince William Medical Center | Sibley Memorial Hospital

* **Performed comprehensive physical assessment and administered medication in acute care units**
* **Identified appropriate nursing diagnoses and collaborated with health care professionals to diagnose and create patient care plans**
* **Monitored lab values for specific health issues and monitored patients’ condition**
* **Serve as a liaison between patients and healthcare professionals to ensure they understood relevant medical procedures and care plan directives**