

NINA KOCKO

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EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Chicago

Master of Science in Nursing

- Illinois License: 041491998
- California License: Processing

Chicago, IL

Degree awarded: Dec 2019

University of Illinois at Chicago

Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences

- *Minor in Psychology*

Chicago, IL

Degree awarded: Dec 2015

SKILLS

NURSING

- Fully competent in caring for acute patients in the neurosurgical ICU, MICU, COVID ICU, SICU
- EMR proficiency: Epic, Cerner, Meditech
- Certifications: NIHSS, AHA ACLS/BLS, Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL)

LANGUAGES

- Fluent in English and Ukrainian; Conversational in Spanish

WORK EXPERIENCE

Humboldt Park Health

Registered Nurse, MICU/COVID ICU

Chicago, IL

November 2021 – February 2022

UI Health

Registered Nurse, Neurosurgical ICU

Chicago, IL

March 2020 – November 2021

- Treat patients with neurologic diagnoses including but not limited to: ischemic strokes, hemorrhagic strokes, brain masses, spinal surgeries, seizures (epileptic, CIWA protocol, etc)
- Assist with bedside procedures including intubation, EVD insertion, central line and arterial line placement, moderate sedation, trans-thoracic echocardiograms, EGDs
- Closely monitored acute conditions including O2 saturation, heart rates and rhythms, blood pressure control
- Neuro skills: Intracranial pressure management, tPA infusions and post-tPA monitoring, post-operative and post-angiogram monitoring
- Additional skills: PCA/epidural infusion, blood transfusions, CRRT/CVVHD monitoring, chest tube monitoring, Vigileo, IV drug therapy, titrated infusions, tracheotomy care, airway care with ventilated patients, wound cleaning/care (wound-vac, hemovac, JP drain, penrose), mobility assistance, IV insertion, venipuncture, NG/OG tube insertion and removal, Foley catheter insertion and removal, insulin medication assistance, end-of-life care
- Provide coverage for Medical ICU, Surgical ICU units, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgical ICU

UI Health

Chicago, IL

*Nursing Technician, Emergency Department**August 2019 – February 2020*

- Perform EKGs, take vitals, and assist with setup of some medical emergencies
- Answer calls for help and observe changes in patients' condition or behavior
- Assist in positioning, ambulating, feeding, and grooming patients

*Nursing Technician, Adult Psychiatry**January 2019 – February 2020*

- Work directly with team and implement patient care plans
- Interview patients, implement reality-based thinking, and chart based on their diagnosis
- Take vitals and perform blood glucose tests, assist medical/psych patients with ADLs

ExplORer Surgical

Chicago, IL

*Operations Team Associate**August 2017 - Present*

- Work directly with surgeon and team to collaborate on surgical workflows
- Work directly with device companies to assist in surgeon training events of new implants/devices
- Build, implement, and support surgical software use in operating rooms and surgeon training events
- Build workflows in neurosurgery, orthopedic, interventional cardiology, ENT, and general surgery divisions

MedVet Chicago

Chicago, IL

*Emergency Department Veterinary Assistant**May 2014 – September 2017*

- Care of patients through utilization of handling and restraint and medication administration
- Understand the life cycle and pathology of common zoonotic diseases

*Lab Technician**Aug 2015 - September 2017*

- Perform all blood, urine, cytology, and fecal tests using analyzers and microscope; Recognize abnormalities in blood such as concerning cell counts, abnormal morphology, or infectious agents

Grand Geneva Resort & Spa

Lake Geneva, WI

*Ski Instructor, Seasonal**Nov 2008 – March 2012*

- Taught private/individual and group ski lessons to all ages

ACTIVITIES/INTERESTS**Hromovytsia Ukrainian Dance Ensemble**

- Board member and lead dancer; Annual performance at McDonald's Thanksgiving Parade

PLAST Ukrainian Scouting Organization

- Member and former camp counselor

Miscellaneous

- Cryptocurrency, gardening, Orange Theory Fitness, cooking, traveling, downhill skiing
- Pets: Shiba Inu ("Doji"), Savannah cat ("Kovu"), orange tabby ("Mango")