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# PROFESSIONAL OBJECTIVE

As a professional Registered Nurse, I strive to provide safe, high-quality healthcare. I am an advocate for quality and positive patient outcomes. I embrace the continuity of learning along with the advancing technology in nursing. I function independently as well as a team player. I can work under pressure and make timely decisions in a patient emergency. These elements combined make me passionate for patient care and satisfied for having chosen nursing as my profession.

# JOB EXPERIENCE

12/21- Current **Supplemental Health Care Travel agency**

 Currently working an assignment at UNM ER

3/15-8/20 **Presbyterian Kaseman Emergency Room, Alb, NM**

 **.**  Charge nurse for the ER

 . Supervised RN’s, EMT’s and Paramedics to ensure patients treatment and medications

 were given in a timely, safe manner.

 . Assisted the RN’s, EMT’s and Paramedics with patient treatments and procedures.

 . Coordinated and collaborated with doctors, PA’s, NP’s and Social Workers in patient care.

 Communicated and educated patients and their families

10/15-3/15 **Aya Healthcare Travel Agency**

 . St. Vincent Hospital, Santa Fe NM ICU Unit Assignment

 . Provided care for critically ill patients

 . Worked with mechanical ventilators and IAB pumps

 Balanced nursing knowledge and assessment with compassionate care.

 Communicated with associated RN’s and providers to ensure the safe completion of

 Determined treatment plan.

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| *10/13 - 09/15* | ***University of New Mexico Hospital Post Anesthesia Care Unit Alb. NM*** . Provided post-operative nursing care for patients after various surgical procedures. · Monitored patients' post-operative hemodynamic stability. · Monitored and managed patients experiencing post-operative pain symptoms.· Educated patients and their families about patient post-op care recommendations and treatment regimens along with discharge expectations post PACU care.· Work closely with doctors and other team members to provide safe quality care for patients. |
| *3/13 - 10/13* | ***Advantage Home Care and Hospice Alb. NM*** ***·*** Provided nursing care for homebound patients and the terminally ill.***·*** Provided extensive wound care. Educated patients on infection control, self-care, medication regiments, and home safety.*·* Provided palliative care for terminally ill patients, as well assisting with the education of family members regarding the patient's condition.· Work closely with doctors and other team members to provide safe quality care for patients.. |
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| *05/12 - 3/13*  |  ***Heart Hospital New Mexico at Lovelace Cardiac Intensive Care Unit. Alb NM*** · Provide nursing care for critically ill patients. · Monitored patients requiring mechanical ventilation.· Monitored and managed prevention of complications related to mechanical ventilation. · Monitored and managed patient hemodynamic stability.· Monitored normal and abnormal physical assessment, laboratory, and radiologic findings in the critically ill patient.· Monitored and managed patients receiving cardiovascular, pulmonary, and neurologic medications. · Monitored and followed pre-surgical and post-surgical care of the patient. · Monitored and managed patients requiring the use of an IABP.· Educated patients and their families about patient's illnesses/diseases/post-op care and treatment regimens along with discharge expectations post ICU care.· Work closely with doctors and other team members to provide safe quality care for patients. |

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| *02/11 - 05/12****NM*** | ***Lovelace Medical Center Cardiovascular Cath Lab/Electrophysiology Dept***· Provide conscious sedation for patients undergoing Coronary Angiograms, Peripheral vascular procedures, Pacemakers/ICD, Electrophysiology studies· Monitored patient stability and safety.· Circulate and assist with equipment used.· Assist with use and set up of IABP, Angiojet, Rotoblader, Laser and EP ablation equipment as needed for any given intervention.· Administer ACLS and CPR when needed during critical interventions.· Work closely with doctors and other team members to provide safe quality care for patients. |
| *10/08 - 02/11* | ***Lovelace Medical Center, Intensive Care Unit Alb. NM***· Provide nursing care for critically ill patients.· Monitored patients requiring mechanical ventilation· Monitored and managed prevention of complications related to mechanical ventilation.· Monitored and managed patient hemodynamic stability.· Monitored normal and abnormal physical assessment, laboratory, and radiologic findings in the critically ill patient.· Monitored and managed patients receiving cardiovascular, pulmonary, and neurologic medications.· Monitored and followed protocols for pre and post -surgical care of the critically ill patient.· Educated patients and their families about the patient's illnesses/ diseases and treatment regimens along with discharge expectations post ICU care. Work closely with doctors and other team members to provide safe quality care |
| *09/01 - 10/08* | ***Heart Hospital of New Mexico Intensive Care Unit., Alb. NM***· Provide nursing care for critically ill patients.· Monitored patients requiring mechanical ventilation.· Monitored and managed prevention of complications related to mechanical ventilation.· Monitored and managed patient hemodynamic stability.· Monitored normal and abnormal physical assessment, laboratory, and radiologic findings in the critically ill patient.· Monitored and managed patients receiving cardiovascular, pulmonary, and neurologic medications.· Monitored and followed pre-surgical and post-surgical care of the critically ill patient.· Monitored and managed patients requiring the use of an IABP.· Educated patients and their families about patient's illnesses/diseases/post-op care and treatment regimens along with discharge expectations post ICU care.· Work closely with doctors and other team members to provide safe quality care for patients. |
| *12/99 - 9/01* | ***Res-Care, Alb. NM***· RN case manager…Provide nursing care for persons with developmental disabilities and mental retardation.· Manage caseload and oversee all aspects of patient healthcare. Train staff working with these individuals/patients on their Healthcare Plans, Meal Plans and crisis Plans.· Maintain all heath documents and records.· Monitor medications, administration and storage in compliance with NM Board of Pharmacy.· Train staff on Health and Safety policies as well as OSHA regulations.· Regularly conduct CPR training.· Work closely with doctors and other team members to provide safe quality care for patients. |
| *04/98 -11/99* | ***St. Francis Hospital Memphis TN******·*** Provided nursing care for cardiac patients with multi-system illness and Diabetes.***·*** Monitored Telemetry***·*** Educated patients and their families on their diseases' nature, process, and treatment regimen along with discharge expectations.· Work closely with doctors and other team members to provide safe quality care for patients. |
| *10/97 - 3/98* | ***Lovelace Hospice/ Home Healthcare, Alb. NM******·*** Provided nursing care for homebound adults and the terminally ill.***·*** Provided extensive wound care. Educated patients on infection control, self-care, medication regiments, and home safety.*·* Provided palliative care for terminally ill patients, as well assisting with the education of family members regarding the patient's condition.· Work closely with doctors and other team members to provide safe quality care for patients. |
| *6/96 - 10/97* | ***St. Joseph's Hospital, Alb. NM******·*** Provided nursing care for cardiac patients with multi-system illness and Diabetes.***·*** Monitored Telemetry***·*** Educated patients and their families on their diseases' nature, process, and treatment regimen along with discharge expectations.· Work closely with doctors and other team members to provide safe quality care for patients. |

# EDUCATION

Currently in pursuit of BSN with **Western Governors University**

1992 - 1996 Albuquerque Technical-Vocational Institute -- Associates Degree Nursing

1991 - 1992 University of New Mexico -- Prerequisites

1982 - 1986 Highland High School -- High School Diploma

# SKILLS

TNCC Certified

ACLS/BLS Certified

PALS Certified

Computer efficiency

OMI Certified

Previously certified CPR instructor

***REFERENCES:***

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