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I have 7 years of nursing experience. I began in a telemetry unit at Danville Regional hospital. I worked there for 6 months. I then moved to the ER, where I worked for 2 years in the same hospital, I was working nights and had just had a baby, so I needed a day time position and there were none open at the time. I then took a position in a nursing home for 6 months on the rapid admit and fresh out of the hospital hall, I was not happy with this company, it was very disorganized. So, I took a position in the float pool for Duke University Hospital, where I floated to all of the medical surgical units, mother baby, ER, rehab and cardiac. I worked there for 1 year and a few months, I was having to drive an hour and pay a babysitter to take care of the baby because the long shifts were too much for my family to assist me with, the sitter was taking most of all of my money. A position in hospice opened up with 8 hour day shifts and more money, so I took the position. I worked at Amedisys hospice for 2 years and a couple months, when COVID hit we became swamped and the 8 hour shifts turned into 24 hour shifts sometimes 5-6 days in a row, a lot of on call and I was in school obtaining my bachelors degree. I then took another position with another hospice, of which I was with for about 7 months before I realized that I wanted to rejoin the hospitals and continue my practices in critical care. I have spent the last 4 months on a travel assignment through Truststaff with Duke Regional hospital on their COVID/ telemetry/ step down/ medical surgical unit. I am still in school, I have finished my BSN and I am now working on my Masters degree as a Nurse Practitioner. I feel that I am highly trained as well as universally educated. I carry my ACLS, BLS, and PALS in current standing. I don't just care for my patients in a medical aspect, I care for my patients emotional state as well as their spiritual state. I don't just work as a nurse, I am a nurse and I love what I do and I love being a nurse. If you take me on as an employee, I will give you and your patients 100% when I am at your facility. I am reliable and on time. I have excellent time management. I am skilled in epic, med host, meditech, point click care, and point care. I have office skills, with word, excel, power point and I can type up to 60wpm or more. I have charge nurse experience and nursing supervisor experience. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Authorized to work in the US for any employer

## Work Experience

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### **Registered Nurse**

Truststaff - Durham, NC

October 2021 to Present

I have been working at Duke Regional Hospital on the COVID/ telemetry/ step down/ medical surgical unit.

- Precepting other nurses.
- Physical assessments, PIV, PICC, mid line, chest port maintenance and management and medication administration with drips.
- Respiratory management, Opti-flow, Nasal Cannula, Nonrebreather, Venti mask inhalers.
- Medication administration, PO, IV, IM, Sub Q, NG, and Peg tube administration.
- Feeding tube system management, administration and placement.

- Collaboration with case management, PT, OT, and physicians.
- Chest tube management.

### **RN Case Manager**

Community Hospice - Burlington, NC  
February 2021 to September 2021

- Helped patients navigate healthcare system and care options by educating on relevant subject areas and answering questions throughout treatment process.
- Collaborated in consults, patient care plans development, patient monitoring and evaluations.
- Updated and maintained discharge plan of care with physician, members of healthcare team, patients, and families.
- Developed patient care plans, including overall patient health assessments and evaluations.
- Participated in on-call rotations, delivering daily continuous quality care to patients.
- Collaborated with physicians during medical rounds, updated treatment plans, and provided plan of care to patients and families.
- Administered medications and treatment plans in accordance with physician orders.
- Determined and coordinated appropriate level of care to meet individual patient needs.
- Actively participated in family and patient planning processes.
- Trained, guided and mentored home healthcare providers to ensure all objectives were met.
- Collaborated with physicians on patient medications, medical needs and performance.

### **RN Case Manager**

Amedisys Hospice - Burlington, NC  
September 2018 to February 2021

- Advocated for patients by identifying insurance coverage, communicating care preferences to practitioners and verifying interventions met patients' treatment goals.
- Determined and coordinated appropriate level of care to meet individual patient needs.
- Administered oral, intramuscular and IV medications to patients and monitored responses.
- Optimized program resource utilization to prevent unnecessary hospital admissions.
- Developed appropriate care plans for at-risk individuals and high-risk families.
- Developed patient care plans, including overall patient health assessments and evaluations.
- Incorporated appropriate nursing methods to create individualized care plans.
- Actively participated in family and patient planning processes.
- Collaborated with physicians on patient medications, medical needs and performance.
- Collaborated in consults, patient care plans development, patient monitoring and evaluations.
- Trained, guided and mentored home healthcare providers to ensure all objectives were met.
- Maintained and set up home infusions.
- Comforted and educated home care patients on death and dying.

### **Registered Nurse Float Pool**

Duke University Hospital - Durham, NC  
July 2017 to September 2018

In the float pool, I take care of a variety of patients. I am considered a medical surgical float pool nurse, but I also float to other floors often. I work on the psychiatry unit, mother/baby unit, emergency department, neuro/oncology, ortho-surgical, telemetry, medical and medical surgical units. I administer a variety of medications, IV, subcutaneous, intramuscular, P.O., as well as by feeding tube. I have charge nurse experience as well, I also orient other nurses to the units as well as precept and have student nurses. I do work that is considered CNA work, and I care for my patient beyond just a medical stand point.

I care about the way their emotions as well.

### **Registered Nurse**

Avante at Reidsville - Reidsville, NC

February 2017 to July 2017

IV, IM, R, SQ, and transdermal medication administration.

Admissions and discharges.

IV placement

Wound care.

Supervising of LPN's and CNA's

Coordinating care with physician, phlebotomist, laboratory, pharmacy, occupational therapist, rehabilitation, radiology, and nursing staff members.

Monitoring of surgical patients that have just come from the hospital.

Monitoring of VS and CBG, wound vac maintenance.

RN Supervisor

### **Registered Nurse**

DRMC - Danville, VA

November 2015 to March 2017

Telemetry/Cardiac nurse, from November of 2015 to March of 2016. Monitoring of pre and post cardiac surgical patients. Monitoring of patients with MI's. Admissions and discharges. Obtaining CBG's and VS's. Administration of IV, PO, IM and SQ medications. Coordinating care with other health care staff. Emergency room nurse from March of 2016 to March of 2017. Triage, admissions, assessments, obtaining VS, administering of medications, assisting with minor procedures, surgeries and sedations. Obtaining IV access as well as assisting in central line placement.

Caring for a variety of patients, hyperthermic, hypothermic, patients with CVA,

MI's, seizure patients, gunshot wounds, overdose, MVC accidents, etc.

## Education

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### **Master's degree in FNP**

Chamberlain College of Nursing-Illinois - Downers Grove, IL

March 2021 to Present

### **Bachelor of Science in Nursing**

Chamberlain University - Downers Grove, IL

May 2020 to December 2021

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

Piedmont Community College - Roxboro, NC

2015

### **Psychology**

Barton Community College - Great Bend, KS

## Nursing Licenses

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### **RN**

Expires: August 2022

State: NC

### Skills

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- IV, and central line attainment and care.
- PCC, Epic, Meditech, Medhost, Care connection and point care computerized documentation knowledge.
- Assisted in minor surgeries and procedures, assisted with minor sedation.
- Basic knowledge of EKG attainment and reading. As well as cardiac monitoring.
- Wound care and cleaning.
- Acute and rehabilitative care
- ER experienced
- Specimen collection and processing
- Foley insertion.
- TPN administration
- Tube feeds
- NG tube placement
- IV
- IM
- SQ
- R
- transdermal medication administration and knowledge.
- Triage
- assessment.
- Critical Care Experience
- Nursing
- Hospice Care
- EMR Systems
- Vital Signs
- Laboratory Experience
- Medical Imaging

### Certifications and Licenses

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#### **Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS)**

January 2022 to January 2024

**Basic Life Support (BLS)**

January 2022 to January 2024

**PALS**

January 2022 to January 2024