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Patient-focused and empathic registered nurse seeking position with an established medical facility. Bringing experience, care, and extensive knowledge to help improve the lives of patients. Compassionate and hard-working nurse looking for a position in a respected medical setting.

Work Experience

Covid Travel RN

McFarland/IDPH/Travel - Springfield, IL

November 2020 to Present

Work as part of a team with professional and medical staff that includes doctors, social workers, therapists, and psychiatrists. Support patients with a variety of mental illnesses. Specialize in working with patients not guilty by reason of insanity or not fit to stand trial. Typical duties of the job include assessing and planning nursing care requirements, building relationships with, reassuring, and listening to and talking to patients, administering medication, liaising with doctors, social workers, and other professionals, assessing treatment success at case conferences and meetings, writing and updating patient records, and encouraging patients to take part in therapeutic activities such as art and role play. Other job duties include monitoring and caring for COVID positive patients on the special COVID unit while maintaining safety guidelines with appropriate PPE and cleaning schedule.

RN

The Loft - Eureka, IL

January 2019 to Present

Provide medical care to patients who are chronically ill, disabled, or suffering from cognitive impairments. Responsibilities include recording vital signs, administering catheter care as required, wound care, medication administration, patient assessments, interventions, handling new admissions, transfers to hospitals, IV therapy and care, performing BLS, and coordination of care with physicians. Care provided is discussed as a team with family, physicians, and RN's to provide the best patient outcomes. Excessive knowledge in Point Click Care operating systems. Charge nurse responsibilities include delegation of staff when needed, processing the census, ordering medications, and other managerial duties.

RN

OSF Saint Francis Medical Center - Peoria, IL

October 2018 to March 2020

Comprehensive understanding of acute and care procedures. Proficient in the use of database management tools and programs (EPIC). Excellent ability to delegate responsibilities and allocate resources. Capable of working well independently and providing team leadership. Impressive written and oral communications skills. Help patients recover from many aspects of medical difficulties. Provide post-operative care. Exhibit a high level of patience and sensitivity, while caring for the needs of others in an acute hospital setting. Keep medical records current for all patients. Assess and monitor patient's health and report to medical teams as needed. Administer various routes of medication. Follow all OSF

hospital protocols, procedures and ensure patients' families are kept up to speed with patient's status and progress.

CNA - Certified Nursing Assistant

HealthStaff - Peoria, IL

October 2017 to October 2018

Peoria, IL

10/16/17 to 10/2018

Assist the professional staff and various facilities by performing various patient care activities and related professional services necessary in caring for the personal needs and comfort of the patients. Responsible for the delivery of resident care (baths, personal grooming, feeding) as directed by the Manager, RN, or LPN. Maintains established departmental policies and procedures, objectives, quality assurance program, safety, environmental and infection control standards. Strives to incorporate the philosophy and mission of The Facility and to incorporate the Facility's goal of quality care in a personal manner with total regard for individual human dignity.

CNA - Certified Nursing Assistant

SNYDER VILLAGE - Metamora, IL

May 2017 to September 2017

Attend to all patient daily needs. Bathing. Vitals. Linen Changes. Ambulating Assistance with experience in all modes of Transfers. Accu checks. Repositioning.

Drug Screen Technician/Asst Manager

Fortes Solutions - Peoria, IL

February 2015 to March 2017

Handle all client related questions and concerns.

Heavy customer service to clients entering our facility.

Customer Service to all DCFS state employees, attorneys, and investigators.

Travel to other DCFS facilities on occasion to provide client support.

Perform Random Drops for DCFS.

Observe Client Drops.

Enter Client Data into System.

Complete Chain of Custody Paperwork.

Prepare samples for shipping to UPS.

Education

Associate Degree in Nursing

Illinois Central College

1991 to May 2018

High school diploma in College Prep

Manual High School - Peoria, IL

August 1987 to May 1991

Nursing Licenses

RN

RN

Skills

- Registered Nursing, Various Medical Operating Systems, EPIC, Point Click Care, Excellent Customer Service, Typing, Word Perfect, Excel, Outlook, 10-key, Medical Billing, ICD9 Coding, Cpt Coding, & Insurance Billing Coordinator.

I have extensive experience in customer service as well as Management/Coordinator positions held at previous positions.

- Catheter Care
- EMR Systems
- Medication Administration
- Critical Care Experience
- Hospital Experience
- Infection Control Training
- Nursing
- Laboratory Experience
- Nurse Management
- Patient Care
- Vital Signs
- Travel nursing
- Acute care

Certifications and Licenses

BLS Certification

ACLS Certification

CPR Certification