

Melanie Lorthridge

Registered Nurse

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Seeking to apply my diverse experience and skill set in a position that offers new challenges and opportunity for growth.

Willing to relocate: Anywhere

Work Experience

Registered Nurse Per Diem/Contract

Total Nurses Network - Kansas City, KS

April 2019 to Present

- Provide nursing care for Medical Surgical, LTAC, Skilled, and Rehab patients
- Monitored, recorded and communicated patient condition
- Maintained patient records
- Gave proper pain management
- Identified corrective intervention treatments
- Able to plan and implement individualized teaching and advice to patients
- Utilized the nursing process to assess, plan, intervene and evaluate patient care
- Provided discharge planning
- Consulted with physicians
- Directed or supervised less-skilled nursing or healthcare personnel
- Directed and managed critical care patients

Registered Nurse Per Diem/Contract

Favorite Health Care Staffing - Kansas City, MO

November 2018 to Present

- Perform nursing care for LTAC, medical-surgical, rehab, psychiatry, telemetry, post acute care, post cardiovascular surgery , video EEG, and acute stroke patients
- Performed patient assessments
- Assessed patients
- Observe for/intervene report abnormal findings
- Provided daily medication administration and administration of all medications

Director of Nursing Services

RELIANT MANAGEMENT - Kansas City, MO

December 2021 to March 2022

Interim Director of Nursing position in 165 bed psychiatric facility. (3 month contract)

Managed/created behavioral therapies and careplans. Manage inter disciplinary interventions for effectiveness. Access and recommend psychiatrist/ physician with medication reviews. Manage and delegate nursing staff under CMS guidelines.

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Parkview Healthcare - Kansas City, MO
May 2019 to May 2020

Director of Nursing

Parkway Health Care - Kansas City, MO
January 2019 to April 2019

Planned, coordinated and managed the nursing department. Responsible for the overall direction, coordination and evaluation of nursing care and services provided to residents. Maintained quality care consistent with company and regulatory standards. Assumes responsibilities of daily operations in the absence of The Administrator

Director of Nursing

Redwood Post Acute Network - Kansas City, MO
May 2018 to January 2019

Under the direction of the Administrator, overlooked administration and management of Nursing Services to residents in accordance with orders of the physicians and total needs of the residents. Responsible for 24-hour supervision of Nursing Services.

House Supervisor

Maplewood/Garden Valley Rehabilitation and Nursing - Kansas City, MO
August 2016 to May 2018

- Administer medications and perform wound care as ordered
- Supervise and assist with admissions and discharges of Residents
- Maintain and administer prescribed medications via intravenous lines
- Manage and delegate unlicensed and assistive personnel

Unit Manager

Gregory Ridge Living Center
February 2015 to January 2016

- * Administered medications and performed wound care as ordered
- * Supervised and assisted with admissions and discharges of patients
- * Monitored and documented vital signs
- * Initiated and maintained intravenous lines
- * Managed and delegated unlicensed and assistive personnel

House Supervisor

Life Care Centers of Kansas City
December 2014 to February 2015

- Administered medications and performed wound care as ordered
- Supervised and assisted with admissions and discharges of patients
- Monitored and documented vital signs
- * Initiated and maintained intravenous lines
- Managed and delegated unlicensed and assistive personnel

Charge Nurse

Trinity Nursing and Rehabilitation Center
May 2007 to September 2014

Charge Nurse

CNA

2007 to 2014

- Assisted with admissions and discharges of Residents
- Monitored and documented vital signs
- Initiated and maintained intravenous lines
- Administered medications and performed wound care as ordered
- Supervised unlicensed and assistive personnel

Patient Care Technician/ Reuse Technician

Wyandotte County Dialysis

January 2000 to January 2007

- Performed routine dialysis for patients with renal failure
- Closely monitored pre and post dialysis weights
- Accessed fistulas, grafts, and catheter sites for treatment
- Cleaned and processed artificial kidneys for reuse
- Monitored and Treated water system per facility protocol

Reuse Technician

Dialysis Clinics Inc

March 1999 to January 2007

Reprocessed dialyzers, routinely tested and treated water system

Patient care Technician/ Reuse Technician

Renal Care Group

April 2002 to April 2004

- Performed routine dialysis for patients with renal failure
- Closely monitored pre and post dialysis weights
- Accessed fistulas, grafts, and catheter sites for treatment
- Cleaned and processed artificial kidneys for reuse
- Monitored and Treated water system per facility protocol

Education

Associate Degree in Nursing Program

Kansas City, KS

Nursing Licenses

RN

RN

Skills

- Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation, LTAC, Psychiatric, Long Term Care, Dialysis, (10+ years)

- RN
- Dialysis Experience
- Critical Care Experience
- Pain Management

Certifications and Licenses

BLS Certification

ACLS Certification

Additional Information

Skills

- Nursing (Advanced)