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## Education

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08/2010 - 05/2013	<b>Utica College</b>	Utica, NY
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**Bachelor of Science in Nursing**

## Licenses and Certifications:

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- RN - eNLC
- ACLS, PALS, BLS, NIHSS, CPI, TNCC

## Nursing Experience

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04/2021- Present	<b>Emory Decatur Hospital</b>	Decatur, GA
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### Registered Nurse (ED)

- Quickly and accurately assessed patients presenting to the Emergency Department utilizing the Emergency Severity Index (ESI).
- Used provided protocols to initiate treatment of patients who presented in acute distress.
- Managed care of multiple patients simultaneously, prioritizing needs based on acuity.
- Cared for intubated patients which included assessing vitals, titrating drips, responding to ventilator alarms, and performing aseptic suctioning as needed.
- Worked at maximum efficiency without compromising quality of care.
- Provided care of acutely ill patients, cardiac arrests, and patients suffering from strokes or myocardial infarctions.
- Closely monitored patients, alerting physicians/charge nurse with any change in patients status.
- Monitored lab results, vital signs, and patient presentation applying appropriate interventions when necessary.
- Served as a preceptor to new graduate nurses and senior practicum students.
- Interacted with patients and family members during times of stress, shock, and grief effectively providing empathy and emotional support.

10/2021 – 11/2021	<b>Texas Health</b>	Bedford, TX
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### Travel RN (ED)

- Received incoming patients via EMS, triaged based on acuity of injury or illness.
- Initiated care elicited from acuity of injury or illness and immediately stabilized the patient.

- Administered medications and/or instituted appropriate interventions as ordered by physician.
- Observed and interpreted patient's symptoms and results, communicating abnormalities, intervening when appropriate.
- Titrated cardiac drips, sedation drips on intubated patients.
- Cared for intubated patients holding in the emergency department while monitoring vitals, labs, I&O's, conveying abnormal values to the critical care team.
- Interacted with family members via telephone and/or facetime as per hospital policy, keeping family updated on patients' condition or just to provide comfort regarding their care.
- Assisted in transfer of stabilized patients needing care outside of facility due to services not available at current hospital.
- Cared for patients who arrive in cardiac arrest, respiratory arrest, with acute stroke symptoms and/or presenting with a STEMI.

12/2020 – 04/2021

**Bellevue Hospital**

New York, NY

**Travel RN (ED)**

- Treated patients who presented with trauma, injury or severe medical conditions requiring urgent treatment.
- Initiated care of patients who presented with abdominal pain, chest pain, upper respiratory infections and superficial injuries.
- Managed care of homeless patients and/or patients requiring social services resources.
- Monitored vitals, lab results and notified the appropriate health care attendant.
- Assisted in stabilizing patients and transferring them to the appropriate units.
- Participated in phlebotomy, initiating intravenous lines and administering medications.
- Collaborated with team members regarding patient care, updating team members with care provided or orders waiting to be performed.

08/2020 – 10/2020

**Wadley Regional Medical Center**

Texarkana, TX

**Travel RN (ICU)**

- Cared for Covid-19 patients during the pandemic. Assisted in total patient care, including performing neurological assessments, assessing vital signs, interpreting ECG rhythms, titrating IV sedation, monitoring arterial and central venous pressures, and troubleshooting ventilator equipment.
- Monitored vitals and titrated IV infusions appropriately. Monitored blood gases and notified physicians of results promptly.
- Performed multiple nursing skills including: insertion of Foley catheters, insertion of NG tubes, establishment of IV lines. Also assisted with Central lines, A-lines, and administered enteral and parenteral nutrition.
- Implemented emergency nursing procedures that were necessary for prompt control of changes in patient's physical condition related to covid-19.
- Responded to life-saving situations, using nursing standards and protocols for treatment.
- Provided education and emotional support to patient families, while acting as patient's advocate.

06/2020 – 8/2020

**University of Miami**

Miami, FL

**Travel RN (ED)**

- Provided care for acutely ill oncology and COVID positive patients who presented to the Emergency Department in need of acute care.
- Followed established occupational safety and health procedures by demonstrating proper use of personal protective equipment.
- Immediately stabilized patients displaying acute respiratory distress.
- Provided care to ventilated patients which included management of central lines, titration of critical care IV drips, and proper administration of sedation therapy as established per RASS goal.
- Modified patient treatment plans as indicated by patients' response, conditions, or physician orders.
- Reviewed, interpreted, and evaluated diagnostic tests to identify and assess patients' condition.
- Performed tasks such as insertion of nasogastric tubes, peripheral IV lines, phlebotomy, EKG

08/2017-06/2020

**Emory Decatur Hospital**

Decatur, GA

**Registered Nurse (ED)**

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- Managed care of multiple patients simultaneously, prioritizing needs based on acuity.
- Cared for intubated patients which included assessing vitals, titrating drips, responding to ventilator alarms, and performing aseptic suctioning as needed.
- Worked at maximum efficiency without compromising quality of care.
- Provided care of acutely ill patients, cardiac arrests, and patients suffering from strokes or myocardial infarctions.
- Closely monitored patients, alerting physicians/charge nurse with any change in patients status.
- Monitored lab results, vital signs, and patient presentation applying appropriate interventions when necessary.
- Served as a preceptor to new graduate nurses and senior practicum students.
- Interacted with patients and family members during times of stress, shock, and grief effectively providing empathy and emotional support.

08/2015-08/2017

**Wellington Regional Medical Center**

Wellington, FL

**Registered Nurse (ED)**

- Performed quick initial assessments while collecting information on current symptoms, also obtaining necessary patient history to implement the proper plan of care.
- Performed triage of patients arriving via EMS at times providing basic life support needs, stabilizing patients based on nursing standards and protocols until attending physician arrives.
- Prepared STEMI alert patients for Cath lab, receives stroke alerts as primary RN.
- Monitored vital signs, initiating corrective action whenever data shows adverse responses.

- Prepared and administers prescribed medications orally, subcutaneously, intramuscularly, or intravenously; titrating infusions following hospital protocol.
- Administered lifesaving medications under the direct supervision of ER physician guided by ACLS algorithms.
- Performed trouble shooting of life support machines, as well as BiPAP and CPAP therapy.
- Assisted code blue teams when needed on hospital units of admitted patients.
- Provided basic bedside care, including wound care.
- Educated patient and family on managing their illness by providing post-treatment home care needs, diet/nutrition, medication, and follow up treatment.

08/2014-02/2015

**Delray Medical Center**

Delray Beach, FL

**Registered Nurse (Cardiac Telemetry)**

- Monitored and provided care for patients requiring short term treatment due to recent surgery, invasive cardiac procedures, and/or acute cardiac events.
- Administered medication infusions and titrated infusions based on assessment of patient condition and as required by hospital protocol.
- Monitored, interpreted, and documented cardiac rhythms; notified physician promptly of any rhythm abnormalities and communicated with Charge Nurse of any problems or changes in patient condition.
- Provided basic and advanced life support when warranted.
- Established care priorities based on patient condition.
- Performed procedures accurately, completely and safely according to established policy and procedure and physician orders.

10/2013-06/2014

**Rome Memorial Hospital**

Rome, NY

**Registered Nurse (ICU)**

- Responsible for total patient care, including performing neurological assessments, assessing vital signs, interpreting ECG rhythms, titrating IV sedation, monitoring arterial and central venous pressures, and troubleshooting ventilator equipment.
- Monitored vitals and titrated IV infusions appropriately. Monitored blood gases and notified physicians of results promptly.
- Performed multiple nursing skills including: insertion of Foley catheters, insertion of NG tubes, establishment of IV lines, assisted with Central lines, administered enteral and parenteral nutrition.
- Implemented emergency nursing procedures that were necessary for prompt control of changes in patient's physical condition.
- Collaborated with fellow members of the critical care team to provide quality nursing care for the patient.
- Responded to life-saving situations, using nursing standards and protocols for treatment.
- Provided education and emotional support to patient families, while acting as patient's advocate.

