

KAYLA M. SMITH

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Highly qualified and dynamic Registered Nurse with exceptional experience in high turnover emergency rooms. Solid reputation for having a strong commitment to achieving high levels of patient satisfaction and dedicated to driving top-quality patient-centered care. Strong ability to identify, develop and sustain a network of people and other resources for tasks. Able to execute strategic initiatives in a methodical approach.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

January 202- February 2022

Christus Santa Rosa-Westover Hills
San Antonio, TX

Registered Nurse (Crisis 4-week contract)

- Provide emergent nursing care to patients arriving to 35 bed Level II Emergency Department
- Administer medications, track dosages and document patient conditions
- Perform medical procedures such as EKG, venipuncture, cardiac monitoring, vital signs, poct blood glucose monitoring and urinalysis
- Educate patients and families on treatment strategies and at-home care
- Monitor and record patient condition, vital signs, recovery progress and medication side effects
- Coordinate care with physicians and other clinical staff to prepare for treatment, carry out interventions and enhance continuum of care to deliver comprehensive services

Facilitate patient flow during emergency situations, directing evacuations, admissions and transfers

April 2021- August 2021

Ochsner Hospital
Gretna, LA

Registered Nurse (PRN)

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- Educate patients and families on treatment strategies and at-home care
- Monitor and record patient condition, vital signs, recovery progress and medication side effects
- Coordinate care with physicians and other clinical staff to prepare for treatment, carry out interventions and enhance continuum of care to deliver comprehensive services
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January 2021 - April 2021

Doctors Hospital
McAllen, TX

Registered Nurse (Emergency Department - COVID 19 Emergency Response)

- Provide emergency assistance to COVID-19 patients during a national crisis in Level II facility.
- Administer medications, track dosages and document patient conditions
- Educate patients and families on treatment strategies and at-home care
- Monitor and record patient condition, vital signs, recovery progress and medication side effects
- Coordinate care with physicians and other clinical staff to prepare for treatment, carry out interventions and enhance continuum of care to deliver comprehensive services
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June 2019 - January 2021

University Medical Center
New Orleans, LA

Staff Nurse (Emergency Department - Level 1 Trauma)

- Helped assess patients quickly and prioritized/assisted with minor procedures
- Managed patient check-in process, performance of triage work for doctors, and assisting with initial insurance paperwork
- Communicated with doctors and patients to keep everyone updated on test results and treatment recommendations
- Collaborated with laboratory personnel and report lab findings back to ER doctors.
- Assisted in the care of traumas, cardiac arrests, strokes, sexual assaults and sedations
- Provided RN care for all ER patients, as well as handling of intubations, defibrillations, auto transfusions, Medlock insertions, splinting, and more

August 2020 - September 2020

University Medical Center
New Orleans, LA

Vaccination Support Registered Nurse

- Handled the administration of annual flu vaccinations
- Performed registration and recording of personal information

September 2018 - June 2019

Touro Infirmary
New Orleans, LA

Nurse Technician

- Assisted up to 10 patients each shift with activities of daily living, ensured they were on time for physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and other activities.
- Provided high quality patient care while preserving the patient's dignity in carrying out various duties that include diapering, bathing, toileting, dressing and patient hygiene care activities
- Prioritized patient care based on assigned patient acuity and therapy scheduling
- Collaborated with team members to determine a plan of action for patient safety and medical improvement, provided care for patients with Infections requiring intravenous antibiotic therapy
- Assisted patients with dependency upon mechanical ventilators for life-sustaining support requiring a strategically designed weaning program, provided care for patients with complex wounds, stage III or greater
- Maintained patient stability by checking vital signs and weight, testing urine, recording intake and output information
- Provided patient comfort by utilizing resources and material, transporting patients, answering patients' call lights and requests, reporting observations of the patient to nursing supervisor
- Enhanced nursing department and hospital reputation by accepting ownership for accomplishing new and different requests

August 2015 - December 2017

Delgado Community College
New Orleans, LA

Adjunct Instructor

- Provided direct instruction through setting a nurturing environment to improve student retention and success in reaching academic goals
- Developed and implemented lesson plans to incorporate career exploration, improve study skills, time management, academic resources and foundational financial stability
- Emphasized clear sentence structure and organization, concise prose, and thorough development of ideas
- Helped students develop critical-thinking skills and use them to create sound arguments
- Trained students to find and incorporate research that would support their arguments

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January 2012 – July 2017

Delgado Community College
New Orleans, LA

Program Director

- Provided counsel to faculty, staff and students on policies, procedures and services of the Louisiana
- Resolved issues of program participants through vocational, career and academic counseling
- Collected and reviewed data on all areas of program activities for evaluation of program effectiveness and annual assessment
- Collaborated with private and public secondary institutions in completing articulation transfer agreements
- Developed and executed annual advisor training for Louisiana Transfer Degree
- Developed and streamlined degree completion audit forms and inter-departmental student verification forms

January 2011 – January 2012

Delgado Community College
New Orleans, LA

Academic Advisor

- Assisted students in selection of courses based on program requirements, interests and abilities.
- Developed and presented workshops with various topics related to student success.
- Reviewed student records to resolve student academic, financial and/or admission issues
- Collaborated with Academic Affairs to monitor and convey all aspects of curriculum, sequencing, academic status and registration
- Collaborated with Academic Affairs regarding curriculum updates, scheduling, student concerns and needs to maintain industry standards and policy
- Participated and supported all key departments including tracking statistics, proper file documentation, departmental meetings, strategic planning and program assessment
- Monitored institutional benchmarks and supported all persistence endeavors

EDUCATION

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| 2019 | Louisiana State University Health New Orleans School of Nursing | New Orleans, LA |
| | ▪ Degree: Bachelor of Science in Nursing | |
| 2008 | University of Louisiana at Monroe | Monroe, LA |
| | ▪ Degree: Master of Education in Community Counseling | |
| 2005 | Louisiana State University | Baton Rouge, LA |
| | ▪ Degree: Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts | |

CERTIFICATIONS & LICENSES

- Registered Nurse Louisiana Board of Nursing - License #205576 (2019 – 2024)
 - Basic Life Support Health Care Provider, American Heart Association (2019 – 2021)
 - Advanced Cardiac Life Support (2020 – 2022)
 - Emergency Nurse Pediatric Course (2020 – 2024)
 - Pediatric Advanced Life Support (2021- 2023)
 - Trauma Nursing Core Course (2020 – 2024)
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