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KAREN L. SMITH

OBJECTIVE

Dedicated and energetic nursing professional, seeking a position as a Registered Nurse, within a healthcare facility that will maximize my skills of multitasking, leadership, and collaboration.

EDUCATION

2015 – 2018 Northwestern State University Natchitoches, LA
Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Fall 2018)

2006-2007 Louisiana Tech University Ruston, LA
Masters of Science in Curriculum and Instruction (Fall 2007)

1999- 2001 Louisiana State University in Shreveport Shreveport, LA
Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education (Fall 2001)

WORK OF EXPERIENCE

Mar 2022 – Jun 2022 Baylor University Medical Center 854-Bed Facility Dallas, TX
Registered Nurse – General Med Surg Units (Travel Nurse)

- Worked on a 35-bed unit with medical surgical unit, conducting patient care, education, wound care, admissions, and discharge to med surg patients, EMR- EPIC
- Floated to various units to fill temporary staffing shortages as needed to telemetry units
- Provided high quality patient care with a 5:1 ratio of patients to nurse
- Monitored continuous pulse oximetry and hourly rounds
- Communicated effectively with patients, significant others, and members of the health care team about the patient's plan of care
- Assisting patients with pain management, monitoring for respiratory issues, and any other complications

Oct 2021 – Jan 2022 UT Health East Texas 382-Bed Facility Tyler, TX
Registered Nurse – Covid & Med Surg Telemetry Units (Travel Nurse)

- Worked in a 25-bed unit with infectious disease unit, conducting patient care, education, wound care, admissions, and discharge to covid and med surg patients, EMR- EPIC
- Floated to various units to fill temporary staffing shortages as needed
- Provided high quality patient care with a 5:1/6:1 ratio of patients to nurse
- Coordinated and implemented nursing care to acutely ill patients and infected with covid-19
- Communicated effectively with patients, significant others, and members of the health care team about the patient's plan of care
- Assisting patients with pain management, monitoring for respiratory issues, and any other complications

Aug 2021 – Nov 2021 St Joseph Hospice

Shreveport, LA

Clinical Manager Inpatient Unit

- Ensures medical records are accurate and updated, Plan of Care, medication records, initial and on-going assessments and other information pertinent to the care of the patient
- Participates in the Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement Program, including implementation of performance improvement plan
- Utilization of the EMR system to ensure compliance with regulatory guidelines
- Provide supervising of direct patient care to hospice patients and their families
- Managing the interdisciplinary team
- Maintain scheduling for all nurses and cnas
- Reviews and monitors the facility's daily workflow in EMR ensuring all work is completed
- Prioritize outstanding tasks notifying the ED and DON of any delays with productivity
- Provides education to staff on methods of improvements
- Developed a healthy culture and climate to increase moral and productivity

Dec 2020 – Present Ochsner LSU Shreveport

345-Bed Facility

Shreveport, LA

Charge Nurse- Bone Marrow Transplant Unit

- Coordinated nursing care on the unit through staff assignments, assisting and rounding with physicians, monitoring patient orders and communicating with ancillary departments and assisting staff
- Trained new nurses in proper techniques, care standards, operational procedures and safety
- Educated patients and answered questions about health condition, prognosis and treatment
- Monitored patient's conditions and reported changes in physical ability, appearance, and behavior to discuss treatment with physicians.

Aug 2020 – Oct 2020 Primestar Home Health

Shreveport, LA

Weekend Registered Nurse

- Documented data related to patients' care including assessment results, admissions, interventions, medications, patient responses, or treatment changes
- Provided high quality patient care within the home setting
- Worked as part of the interdisciplinary team member to facilitate patient care

2019 – present Ochsner LSU Shreveport

Shreveport, LA

Registered Nurse – Bone Marrow Transplant Unit

- Documented data related to patients' care including assessment results, interventions, medications, patient responses, or treatment changes
- Provided high quality patient care with a 4:1 ratio of patients to nurse
- Worked as part of the interdisciplinary team member to facilitate patient care
- Transfused blood products, unit blood draws, and interpretation of laboratory values
- Administered chemo therapy safely

2012 – 2015 Sunset Acres Elementary School

Shreveport, LA

Instructional Coordinator (PreK-6th)

- Assisted in the administration of curriculum and instruction for all grade levels, (PreK-6th)
- Evaluated teachers quarterly for overall performance
- Collaborated with administrators and teachers to promote school improvement

2011-2012 Sunset Acres Elementary School Shreveport, LA
Math Interventionist/Professional Development (K-5th)

- Modeled lessons to improve instructional practices
- Implemented intervention strategies for students at various grade levels
- Presented professional development presentations for all teachers

2010-2011 Cherokee Park Elementary School Shreveport, LA
Master Teacher Upper School (3rd-5th) All Subjects

- Delivered research based strategies that were used to support student achievement in the identified areas of student need as revealed from the analysis of data
- Managed teachers' Individual Growth Plan- assisted teachers in developing goals and provided training, resources, and support for meeting goals
- Conducted evaluations and conferences- conducted classroom evaluations and conferences for both formal and informal observations

2004-2010 Sunset Acres Elementary School Shreveport, LA
Teacher 4th & 5th grades Math & Science

- Created and researched innovative methods for addressing multi-sensory instruction
- Maintained classroom management
- Performed all essential responsibilities to meet the needs of the population of students taught

2002-2004 Edward Livingston Middle Learning Academy New Orleans, LA
Teacher 8th grade Science & Social Studies

- Integrated multicultural experiences applicable to real life
- Created a student-centered classroom to enhance students' accountability
- Implemented a variety of student assessment tools

CERTIFICATIONS

- Certified in Basic Life Support through the American Heart Association (2020 - 2022)
- Certified in Advanced Cardiac Life Support (2020 - 2022)
- Elementary certified 1-8/ Highly-qualified grades 1-12
- Provisional Principalship and Administrative Supervision certification (K-12)

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Nurse Preceptor Academy (2020)

AWARDS

- Rotary Club Recipient (2019)
- Community Foundation of North Louisiana Scholarships recipient (2017-2018)

REFERENCES

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