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To secure/maintain a position as a registered nurse with a bachelor's degree in science of nursing.

Work Experience

Registered Nurse

Ochsner Health - New Orleans, LA
April 2022 to Present

- Assessing, diagnosing, planning care for, implementing plan for, and evaluating patients in the Emergency Department
- Recording details and symptoms of patient medical history and current health in the ED
- Preparing patients for exams and treatment in the ED
- Administering medications and treatments, then monitoring patients for side effects and reactions in the ED
- Creating, implementing, and evaluating patient care plans with the medical team in the ED
- Performing wound care, such as cleaning and bandaging in the ED
- Assisting in medical procedures as needed in the ED
- Operating and monitoring medical equipment in the ED
- Initiating, maintaining, and discontinuing IV therapy in the ED
- Drawing blood, urine samples, and other body fluids for lab work in the ED
- Educating patients and family members on treatment and care plans, as well as answering their questions in the ED
- Delegating tasks to licensed practical and vocational nurses, nursing assistants, and nursing students in the ED

Registered Nurse

Veterans Affairs Hospital - New Orleans, LA
August 2020 to September 2021

- Assessing, diagnosing, planning care for, implementing plan for, and evaluating patients
- Recording details and symptoms of patient medical history and current health
- Preparing patients for exams and treatment
- Administering medications and treatments, then monitoring patients for side effects and reactions
- Creating, implementing, and evaluating patient care plans with the medical team
- Performing wound care, such as cleaning and bandaging
- Assisting in medical procedures as needed
- Operating and monitoring medical equipment
- Initiating, maintaining, and discontinuing IV therapy
- Drawing blood, urine samples, and other body fluids for lab work
- Educating patients and family members on treatment and care plans, as well as answering their questions
- Supervising licensed practical and vocational nurses, nursing assistants, and nursing students

- Etc.

Nursing Student in the VALOR Program

Veteran's Affairs Hospital - New Orleans, LA

July 2019 to January 2020

- Assist with patient admissions
- Apply principles of normal range of motion, body mechanics and alignments
- Assist with bathing
- Assist with feeding
- Assist with oral hygiene
- Assist with shampooing hair/ shaving
- Assist with ambulating
- Answering call lights
- Distributing bedpans and urinals
- Lifting and transporting patients
- Assist physician/ nurse in performing procedures requiring repositioning, draping, and supporting patients
- Change simple non-sterile dressings; apply ace bandages
- Prepare and give tap water enemas, assist with colostomy irrigations by assembling equipment and applying external urinary drainage devices
- Performs oral and pharyngeal suctioning
- Measures, records, and reports weight, height, vital signs, intake, and output
- Apply aqua K pads and ice packs
- Collects voided urine specimens, stools, and sputum
- Perform glucometer testing
- Sets up and monitors wall and tank oxygen, continuous and intermittent suctioning
- Assembles chest suctioning equipment
- Assists in setting up and caring for patient in isolation
- Implements appropriate infection control precautions for patients
- Assist in caring for patients on specialty beds
- Uses safety devices as required; turns on bed alarms on all high-risk patients
- Assumes responsibility for proper and economical use of equipment and supplies
- Assist in emergency response situations
- Assists in maintain effective communications
- Encourages the patient to achieve therapeutic goals; guides and teaches patient and family
- Interprets and enforces hospital regulations and policies in a patient-centered manner to relatives and visitors
- Keeps necessary records of patient activities; operates CPRS
- Keeps registered nurse informed of patient condition, needs, and activities

Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)

St. Luke's Living Center - New Orleans, LA

September 2017 to July 2018

- Assist resident with everyday life skills
- Administer Baths/ Showers
- Assist with feeding residents

- Assist with dressing residents
- Assist with toileting/ changed diapers
- Monitor Vital Signs
- Apply clean linen to bed
- Attend to laundry
- Operate lifts
- Transfer residents to/from bed/chair
- Maintain daily electronic documentation on residents
- Assist nurse as directed

Sitter/CNA

Valda Farrell - New Orleans, LA

July 2016 to August 2017

- Bed Baths/ Showers
- Toileting/ Changed Diapers
- Feeding
- Dressed
- Performed Daily Hygiene
- Assisted Assigned C.N.A. with tasks

Sitter/Caregiver/CNA

Edgar Bright - New Orleans, LA

July 2016 to August 2017

- Toileting/ Change Diapers
- Feeding
- Dressing
- Perform Daily Hygiene
- Escort on Outings/ Activities
- Assist Assigned C.N.A. with tasks

Medical Assistant

Crescent City Physicians - New Orleans, LA

November 2012 to February 2016

- Administered Injections/ Immunizations
- Conducted Hemoglobin A1C Tests
- Conducted Glucose Tests
- Vitals Signs
- Electrocardiograms
- Prescriptions
- Referrals
- Authorizations
- Orders (Laboratory/ Imaging/ Cardiology/ etc...)
- Coding/ Charges
- Operated/ maintained Front desk
- Knowledge of/ Operated EMR System
- Insurance Verification
- Ear Irrigations
- Conducted Breathing Treatments

- Administered Eye Examinations
- Bandaging
- Assisted with Pap Smears
- Assisted with Ultrasounds
- Assisted Physician with any/ all procedures at request

Certified Nursing Assistant

The Lambeth House - New Orleans, LA
February 2014 to August 2015

- Assisted elderly with everyday life skills
- Administered Baths/ Showers
- Assisted with feeding
- Assisted with toileting/ Changed diapers
- Assisted with getting dressed
- Monitored Vital Signs
- Applied clean linen to bed
- Operated lifts
- Transferred residents to/from bed/chair
- Maintained daily documentation on residents
- Assisted nurse as directed

Certified Nursing Assistant

LSU Medical Center - New Orleans, LA
May 2011 to December 2011

- Assisted patients with everyday life skills
- Monitored vital signs
- Administered Baths/ Showers
- Assisted with feeding
- Assisted with toileting/ Changed diapers
- Applied clean linen to beds

Certified Nursing Assistant

John Hainkel Nursing Home - New Orleans, LA
November 2009 to May 2011

- Assisted residents with everyday life skills
- Monitored vital signs
- Administered Baths/ Showers
- Assisted with feeding
- Assisted with toileting/ Changed diapers
- Applied clean linen to beds
- Transferred residents to/from bed/chair
- Maintained daily documentation on residents
- Assisted nurse as directed

Medical Assistant

Tillery Family Practice - New Orleans, LA
March 2008 to December 2009

- Operated Front Desk

- Check in – Check Out
- Kid Med/ Shot Records
- Administered Immunizations
- Insurance Verification
- Assisted Physician with any/ all procedures at request
- Attended to all age groups (pediatrics to geriatrics)

Medical Assistant

Gretna Family Medicine - Gretna, LA
November 2005 to May 2006

- Maintained laboratory
- TB Skin Testing
- Sterile/ Non- sterile Trays
- Conducted Spirometry Tests
- Electrocardiograms
- Vital Signs
- Kid Med
- Prepared exam rooms for Physician
- Assisted Physician with any/all procedures

M.A./Corpsman

Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriff's Office - New Orleans, LA
May 1993 to September 1995

- Intake/ Processing
- Phlebotomy
- TB Skin Testing
- Injections
- Medication Distribution
- Medical Records/ Maintained MARS
- Assisted RN as directed

Certified Nursing Assistant

Gifted Healthcare - Metairie, LA
August 2017

- Assist resident with everyday life skills
- Administer baths/ showers
- Assist with feeding
- Monitor residents
- Toileting/ Diaper Change
- Apply clean Linen to beds
- Attend to laundry
- Assist resident with dressing
- Operate Lifts
- Transfer residents to/from bed/chair
- Assist nurse as directed
- Maintain daily electronic documentation on residents

Certified Nursing Assistant

Poydras Home - New Orleans, LA

August 2017

- Assist resident with everyday life skills
- Administer baths/ showers
- Assist with feeding
- Monitor residents
- Apply clean Linen to beds
- Attend to laundry
- Assist resident with dressing
- Transfer residents to/from bed/chair
- Assist nurse as directed

Education

B.S.N. in Nursing

University of Holy Cross - New Orleans, LA

January 2017 to May 2020

General Meyer Ave

Delgado Community College - New Orleans, LA

August 2011 to December 2015

Certified Nursing Assisting

National Education Center - New Orleans, LA

June 2009 to June 2009

Nursing Licenses

RN

Expires: December 2022

State: LA

Skills

- Medical receptionist
- Nursing
- EMR systems
- Phlebotomy
- Medical office experience
- Acute care
- Laboratory experience
- Medical billing
- Vital signs

- ICD-10
- Caregiving
- Medication administration
- Medical terminology
- Microsoft Office
- Computer skills
- Supervising experience
- Clinical laboratory experience
- Leadership
- Hospital experience

Awards

Good Catch Award

June 2021

Certifications and Licenses

CNA

Certified Medical Assistant

RN

CPR Certification

BLS Certification