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| From fast paced hospital nursing in both medical surgical and psychiatric fields to supervisory experience in long term care facilities and home health, I hold a diverse clinical background. This unique, well rounded experience gives me a competitive edge as a Registered Nurse. I have been published twice in a peer reviewed nursing journal. During the COVID-19 efforts at the Onslow County Health Department, I trained and supported multiple new case investigators and conducted assessments on COVID positive clients. Additionally, I administered over 1,000 COVID vaccinations while fielding questions and educating patients. I hold an active certification from the crisis prevention institution (CPI certification #NEA5AA6B) and excelled in conflict resolution when working as a registered nurse at a psychiatric hospital. I earned an award for my calm demeanor and ability to navigate chaotic situations when patients were in acute distress. As a graduate student at UNCW, I am working towards a long-term career goal of advancing my degree to become a collegiate level instructor or pursuing research in the field of psychoneuroimmunology. As a member of the International Association of Forensic Nurses, I am in the process of obtaining certification as a sexual assault nurse examiner. |

# Experience

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| May 2021-currentin home aide supervisor, united home care Evaluate, hire and orient new staff members. Educate and provide counsel to existing staff members. Assign new admissions to compatible aides, accept and process referrals. Conduct extensive assessments on new patients to determine plan of care and acuity level. Collaborate with physicians, medicaid personnel and department of veterans affairs in establishing home health services. Regularly review services and reassess needs for each individual patient. Maintain thorough documentation, assist with scheduling. September 2020-may 2021covid registered nurse, onslow county health department Provided surveillance of COVID-19 cases for the local health department, conducted telephone interviews with COVID-19 positive patients, answered clinical questions (regarding quarantine guidelines, disease progression and symptom management), trained multiple new staff members providing both verbal and written instruction, served as supportive leadership by answering questions and providing additional training to new team members. |
| june 2020-november 2020psychiatric registered nurse, brynn marr hospital Supervised mental health technicians and licensed professional nurses, administered prescribed medications, facilitated educational therapy groups, conducted individualized assessments, provided intake services for new admissions, executed discharge plans, communicated with parents and guardians of patients, collaborated with members of treatment team to develop unique plans of care, maintained a therapeutic milieu on the unit to ensure safety, utilized de-escalation techniques to quickly diffuse conflicts. january 2018-january 2020home health aide, bayada home health Assisted client with activities of daily living such as bathing, dressing, errands, cooking and cleaning. Accompanied client to various therapies such as physical, occupation and speech. Applied exercises prescribed in therapy to client’s daily tasks at home through the use of arts and crafts for an integrated recovery experience. Provided client with companionship and emotional support, as well as goal setting and coaching towards personal development. january 2012-august 2012dementia unit registered nurse, moravian manor retirement home Provided outpatient medical care for the geriatric population, specifically those suffering from Alzheimer’s disease and dementia. Administered medications and treatments, oversaw and collaborated with practitioner regarding wound care for patients, supervised LPNs and CNAs. july 2011-november 2011supervisory registered nurse, quarryville retirement community Mentored LPNs and CNAs and intervened as needed through education or hands-on assistance, facilitated employee scheduling to ensure 24/7 coverage, conducted annual staff performance reviews, delegated patient specific assignments on a case by case basis, conducted emergency procedural drills for the facility. September 2010-march 2011medical surgical registered nurse, lancaster general hospital Led an infection prevention team, administered medications and treatments, inspected charts for quality control, evaluated high risk patients, documented assessment findings, communicated changes in patient status to rounding practitioner, educated patients and family members, collaborated with members of the healthcare team. |

# Education

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| currentmaster of science in nursing, university of north carolina wilmingtonDecember 2021bachelor of science in nursing, pennsylvania college of health sciences Articles composed for classes published in peer reviewed nursing journal Nursing2011, additional articles I wrote kept on file as examples for future students. Completed my capstone project with the substance abuse prevention program on the U.S.M.C military base serving active-duty marines in my hometown. Composed an article on how COVID-19 has impacted substance abuse which was published in the U.S.M.C local newsletter. |
| may 2010associate of science in nursing, pennsylvania college of health sciences Earned multiple letters of commendation during clinicals, excelled in pathophysiology, concept maps and verbal explanations of disease progression. |
| May 2008bible certificate, valley forge christian college |

# Skills

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| * Servant Leader * Disciplined * Result Driven | * Detail Oriented * Reliable * Educator |

# professional Publications

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| French L. The unspoken: the stresses of a novice nurse. Nursing. 2011 Dec;41(12):16-7. doi: 10.1097/01.NURSE.0000407690.31430.ab. PMID: 22089901.  French L. Seeing schizophrenia from the patient's viewpoint. Nursing. 2011 Oct;41(10):18-9. doi: 10.1097/01.NURSE.0000405114.93521.13. PMID: 21918407. Professional presentations COVID-19 and the Effects on Suicide & Substance Abuse: United States Marine Corp: North Carolina New River Base: April 2021 Professional memberships May 2021: Sigma Psi Pi Chapter  December 2021: International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN) |