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Summary To obtain a professional nurse position requiring fundamental nursing knowledge gained from the classroom and practice setting, while utilizing self-motivation, strong communication skills, professionalism, leadership both with a team and as an individual and safety with the ability to achieve clinical excellence.

Experience

Staff Nurse, CNII Wound Management Clinic May 2016-Present Duke South Clinics, Durham NC

- Providing wound care from head to toe: Simple and complex dressings, multilayer dressings, multilayer compression wraps, skin graft dressings, removing wound vacs.
- Picturing and measuring wounds.
- Removing sutures, staples, and JP drains.
- Assisting with minor clinic procedures: toe nail removal and avulsions, cyst/lipoma/nodule excisions, nipple tattoos, and minor aspirations.
- Educating patients on wound care, dressing changes, pre-op instructions, post-op instructions.
- Setting up pre-op appointments, setting up home health orders, ordering supplies for patients.
- Providing triage through phone calls, in-baskets and email messages.
- Proficient at EPIC and word documents.
- Working with Plastic surgeons, surgical podiatrists, and wound NP's to provide complete patient care.
- Acting as Charge and Preceptor to help onboard new staff. Making schedules and ordering supplies for the unit.

Staff Nurse, CNII General Surgery Floor August 2009-2016 Duke Regional Hospital, Durham, NC

- Caring for pre and post-operative patients that have undergone abdominal, gastric, bariatric, vascular, urology, nephrology, plastic/cosmetic, and other various types of surgical procedures.
- Educating patients and family members about surgical care, drains, wound- vacs, plan of care, follow-up care, and discharge instructions.
- Monitoring patients after upper endoscopies, thoracentesis, debridement, AV fistula/graft placements, chest tubes, continuous bladder irrigation, ostomy/fistula care, and other procedures.
- Perform routine and complex dressing changes, blood transfusions, drawing labs from central lines, heparin/insulin drips, PCA pumps, epidurals, TPN, and tube feeds. Inserting catheters and NG tubes.
- Act as a Charge Nurse for the floor maintaining patient flow to and from surgery and assisting nurses with patient care while maintaining a load of 4+ patients, making assignments, and watching budget issues.
- Act as a Preceptor for new staff, educating them on policies & procedures and assisting with learning new skills and developing a routine for care.
- Nurse/patient ratio 1:6 regular or 1:4 with stepdown patients.
- Attend mandatory courses and skills preparation such as RELATE training, cultural competency, BLS, health system skills day, and maintaining mandatory CEU's.

Education

Piedmont Community College Roxboro, NC August 2005-May 2009

- Obtained ADN degree, graduated at the top of my class. Developed skills needed to work in an entry level nursing position. During education rotated through units of general medicine, general surgery, labor & delivery, burn/trauma, and a psychiatric ward.

License/Certifications

Registered Nurse- North Carolina # 231809

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Expires: September 30th 2022

American Heart Association BLS

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Additional Skills/Information

- Proficient in computer skills and working with Word document. Made educational handouts for my unit, discharge instruction booklets for patients, a Baldrige poster on Flu Vaccinations, resource guides on various topics.
- Started the SMILEY NURSING SCHOLARSHIP which provides funding for nursing students at Piedmont Community College to help achieve their education.
- Friends Of Nursing scholarship winner in 2015
- I have volunteered with the church nursery, the Team Kids group, providing bags to community nursing homes, packing boxes for Operation Christmas Child, and other community church projects.
- I have traveled to Guatemala to assist with Operation Baby Rescue & Hope Of Life- helping provide care to malnourished babies/children, spending time with the elderly and the orphaned children, helping pack food bags to distribute to the surrounding communities, and working with the mentally developed children at Kelly's House.