

# Kendra Harper

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## OBJECTIVE

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Obtain a registered nurse position with a company that will allow for growth while providing stability where I can, contribute my knowledge and skills to produce consistent, safe, compassionate, and reliable care.

## EDUCATION

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**The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UT Health) School of Nursing** May 2016-August 2017

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree (BSN) Nursing GPA: 3.54 Cum laude Honors

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### Aya Healthcare Staffing

#### Registered Nurse ICU Traveler

- **Oakland, California, Alta Bates Medical Center** March 2022-May 2022
  - Collaborated with the physicians and healthcare team to deliver quality, professional nursing care to critically ill patients on a mixed medical and surgical intensive-care unit.
- **Houston, Texas, Houston Methodist West** September 2021-February 2022
  - Collaborate with the physicians and the healthcare team in the delivery of patient care in a mixed ICU consisting of Covid, neurological, medical, cardiac, and surgical critically ill patients while utilizing the nursing process, to provide professional nursing care.

### Favorite Healthcare Staffing

#### Registered Nurse ICU Traveler

##### **Boulder, Colorado, Boulder Community Hospital**

**May 2021- August 2021**

- Collaborate with the physicians and the healthcare team in the delivery of patient care in a mixed ICU consisting of neurological, medical, cardiac, surgical, and trauma critically ill patients while utilizing the nursing process, to provide professional nursing care which include emergency medical treatment, admission and care of critical patients, massive transfusion protocols, emergent preparation of patients to the OR, conduction of ongoing, full-body, and focused nursing assessments, continuous monitoring of vital signs, endotracheal tube, tracheostomy, and ventilator care. Maintenance and care of invasive catheters and lines including care and removal of arterial sheaths in conjunction with EKOSonic ultrasound lysing machine, care and maintenance of Becker lumber/ICP drains, insertion, maintenance and care of large and small bore gastric tubes, administration, maintenance, and care of enteral feeding and nutrition, infusion, maintenance, and titration of pharmacological drips including vasopressors and cardiac medications using Plum infusion pumps, collection and assessment of laboratory values, administration and interpretation of EKG/electrocardiograms, complete wound care, maintenance of surgical drains and chest tubes, assist and collaborate with surgical, medical, and rehabilitation teams, administration of medications utilizing Omnicell, assist patients with activities of daily living, assist physicians with exams and treatments at bedside, ICU surgical recovery, pre and post-surgical care, collaboration with medical team in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of patient care. Continued participation in patient education, admissions, transfers, and discharging of patients, as well as maintenance of medical records.

### Harris Health System, Ben Taub Hospital, Level 1 Trauma Center

**November 2020-May 2021**

#### Texas Medical Center Houston, TX

##### **Clinical Registered Nurse II, Trauma Surgical ICU**

- Collaborate with the physicians and the healthcare team in the delivery of patient care utilizing the nursing process, to provide professional nursing care to critical patients which included emergency medical treatment, admission and care of level 1 trauma patients, massive transfusion protocols, emergent preparation of patients to the OR, conduction of and full-body, and ongoing focused nursing assessments, continuous monitoring of vital

signs, endotracheal tube, tracheostomy, and ventilator care. Maintenance and care of invasive catheters and lines, insertion, maintenance and care of large and small bore gastric tubes, administration, maintenance, and care of enteral feeding and nutrition, infusion, maintenance, and titration of pharmacological drips and pumps, collection and assessment of laboratory values, administration and interpretation of EKG/electrocardiograms, complete wound care, maintenance of surgical drains and chest tubes, assist and collaborate with surgical, medical, and rehabilitation teams, administration of medications, assist patients with activities of daily living, assist physicians with exams and treatments at bedside, ICU surgical recovery, pre and post-surgical care, collaboration with medical team in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of patient care. Continued participation in patient education, admissions, transfers, and discharging of patients, as well as maintenance of medical records.

**Memorial Hermann Hospital, Level 1 Trauma Center**

**May 2020- September 2020**

**Texas Medical Center Houston, TX**

**Registered Nurse II Critical Care Team/Float Pool ICU**

- Collaborate with the physicians and the healthcare team in the delivery of patient care utilizing the nursing process, to provide professional nursing care to critical patients which include emergency medical treatment, admission and care of level 1 trauma patients, massive transfusion protocols, emergent preparation of patients to OR, caring for patients undergoing critical care for Covid-19, conduction of ongoing, full-body, and focused nursing assessments, continuous monitoring of vital signs, endotracheal tube, tracheostomy, and ventilator care. Maintenance and care of invasive catheters and lines, insertion, maintenance and care of large and small bore gastric tubes, administration, maintenance, and care of enteral feeding and nutrition, infusion, maintenance, and titration of pharmacological drips and pumps, collection and assessment of laboratory values, administration and interpretation of EKG/electrocardiograms, complete wound care, maintenance of surgical drains and chest tubes, assist and collaborate with surgical, medical, and rehabilitation teams, administration of medications, assist patients with activities of daily living, assist physicians with exams and treatments at bedside, ICU surgical recovery, pre and post-surgical care, collaboration with medical team in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of patient care. Continued participation in patient education, admissions, transfers, and discharging of patients, as well as maintenance of medical records

**Harris Health System, Ben Taub Hospital, Level 1 Trauma Center**

**September 2019- May 2020**

**Texas Medical Center Houston, TX**

**Clinical Registered Nurse II, Operating Room**

- Provided safe, efficient, and effective perioperative nursing care. Coordination of intraoperative care. Maintained surgical services in accordance with AORN guidelines and hospital policies and procedures. Ensured the operating room was prepared with all necessary supplies, implants, instrumentation, and equipment need for surgical procedures. Assisted in ordering, storing, and maintaining surgical equipment and supplies. Executed proper use, care, and handling of surgical equipment to ensure patient safety. Maintained current and in-depth knowledge of aseptic and sterile technique. Assumed responsibility of maintaining sterility of operating room, patient, and staff. Outstanding organization and prioritization skills. Reviewed and inspected the pre-admission charts for missing documents prior to surgery, conducted pre-operative assessments and teaching for surgical patient. Conducted safe and efficient transport, positioning, and preparation of patient on to operating table. Communicated continuously with operating team and other medical staff to meet needs for patient care and to ensure continuity of care. Performed documentation of surgical procedure intraoperatively. Reviewed chart for completeness post-operatively and prior to hand-off.

**Memorial Hermann Hospital, Level 1 Trauma Center**

**October 2017-July 2019**

**Texas Medical Center Houston, TX**

**Registered Nurse II Critical Care Team/Burn ICU, John S. Dunn Burn Center**

- Collaborated with the physicians and the healthcare team in the delivery of patient care utilizing the nursing process, to provide professional nursing care to critical patients which included conducting ongoing, full-body,

and focused nursing assessments, continuous monitoring of vital signs, endotracheal tube, tracheostomy, and ventilator care. Maintenance and care of invasive catheters and lines, insertion, maintenance, and care of large and small bore gastric tubes, administration, maintenance, and care of enteral feeding and nutrition, infusion, maintenance, and titration of pharmacological drips and pumps, collection and assessment of laboratory values, administration and interpretation of EKG/electrocardiograms, complete wound care including care of skin grafts, allografts, and xenografts, surgical wounds, and drains, and partial and full-thickness burns, assisted and collaborated with rehabilitation team, administration of medications, assisted patients with activities of daily living, assisted physicians with exams and treatments at bedside, ICU surgical recovery, pre and post-surgical care, worked closely with rehabilitation staff and other medical professionals. Continued participation in patient education, admissions, transfers, and discharging of patients, as well as maintenance of medical records.

## **LICENSES, CERTIFICATIONS, AND SPECIAL SKILLS**

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Registered Nurse, Illinois	<b>August 2022</b>
Registered Nurse, California	<b>May 2023</b>
Registered Nurse, Texas	<b>April 2023</b>
Advance Cardiac Life Support, American Heart Association	<b>November 2022</b>
Basic Life Support, American Heart Association	<b>February 2024</b>
NIH Stroke Scale Certification, Apex Innovations	<b>November 2023</b>
Advance Burn Life Support Certification	<b>February 2023</b>
AORN Perioperative 101 Certification	<b>May 2020</b>
Certified Nurse Assistant	<b>December 1998-September 2017</b>