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## VERNEE EDWARDS

### EXPERIENCE

#### *6/2022 – Present, Chateau St. James, PRN Weekend House Supervisor, Litcher, LA*

- Receives report on patient/resident status from previous shift, evaluates and ensures resources in place to meet needs; makes physical rounds assessing quality of care; administers medications/treatments as prescribed
- Supervises charge nurses, aides and other providers
- Assess and Administrate policies and procedures
- Provides empathetic communication to families, patients/residents regarding change of condition and responds to care concerns
- Performs other duties as assigned by supervisor

#### *07/2021 – 05/2022, Medical-Surgical-Iberia Medical, Ortho-Neuro-North Oaks Staff Nurse, Registered Nurse*

- Performs quick and accurate assessment to effectively determine patient care needs
- Coordinates patient assessment through collection of patient's health data
- Analyzes patient assessments to determine nursing diagnoses to identifies expected outcomes
- Coordinates an interdisciplinary plan of care that prescribes interventions to attain expected outcomes
- Implements the interventions identified in the plan of care, Evaluates the patient's progress toward fulfilment of outcomes, performs triage assessment on all patients and performs focused assessments for all age populations.

#### *06/2020 – 07/202, Oncology, Hematology Staff Nurse, Registered Nurse Our Lady of the Lake Hospital, Baton Rouge, Louisiana*

- Maintains contact with laboratory personnel to report any initial lab findings back to the emergency room doctors
- Works collaboratively with doctors and staff to provide exceptional care of complex and acute cases
- Manages multiple cases simultaneously while continually prioritizing needs

- Administer medications intravenously, by injection, orally, through gastric tubes, or by other methods as ordered by the doctor, educates patients and family on follow up care instructions, diagnosis, and medications prescribed by the physician

***06/2019 – 07/2021, PRN Emergency Department Registered Nurse Prevost Memorial Hospital, Donaldsonville, Louisiana***

- Demonstrates ability to work at maximum efficiency without compromising quality of care
- Assists the emergency room doctor with arranging overnight or longer hospital stays or setting up transport arrangements for patients that are deemed to need lengthier and higher level of care
- Utilizes Athena and CPSI (Computer Programs and Systems Inc.) electronic record software for well-organized documentation of patient care.

***05/2019 – Present, PRN Registered Nurse, United Medical Rehabilitation Hospital, Gonzales, Louisiana***

- Initiates and updates the plan of care as patient changes occurred
- Provides nursing supervision in the planning and providing quality nursing care to patients.
- Supervises care assumed by other Licensed Practical Nurses and Certified Nurses Assistants,
- Provides education to promote patient independence as well as information to assist the family with ways that may help facilitate independence at home.
- Anticipates discharge planning needs, Implements, evaluates, and documents care being provided by nursing staff to each patient.

***12/2018 – 06/2020, Registered Nurse-Mental Health/PACT Care Manager, 0610 02-05 Southeast Louisiana Veterans Affairs-SLVHCS, Baton Rouge Community Based Outpatient Clinic, Baton Rouge, Louisiana***

- Performs nursing assessments in order to identify client's needs and plan of care
- Provides treatment for existing and emergency health care conditions
- Assesses for medical appropriateness for admission and continually assesses throughout clients stay
- Consults with Psychiatrist through in person visit or telehealth visit if change in medical status occurs with referral to more appropriate level of care.
- Demonstrates proficiency in BarCode Medication Administration (BCMA), Computerized Patient Record Management (CPRS), and Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture (VISTA)

***06/2017 – 12/2018, Registered Nurse, 0610 01-02 Southeast Louisiana Veterans Affairs-SLVHCS, Medical Surgical Unit, New Orleans, Louisiana***

- Performed patient care duties under the direct supervision of the Registered Nurse Manager
- Obtained and recorded vital signs, body measurements, and Administered injections.

- Performed individualized initial and ongoing patient assessment, Prioritized the patient's immediate condition or needs within timeframe specified by client facility's policies and protocols.
- Conducted ongoing assessments as determined by the adult or elderly patient's condition and facility's policies, procedures or protocols

***02/2017- 03/2017(before preceptorship started at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) Joint Venture Veterans Affairs/Department of Defense) and April 28, 2017- June 2017 (After Preceptorship completed), Veteran Affairs-Alaska HCS, Patient Alignment Care Team (PACT) Care Manager Registered Nurse***

- Collaborated and coordinated with Providers and Registered Nurse Care managers as well as all levels of nursing and ancillary staff concerning the needs of the veterans.
- Demonstrated the ability to observe, identify and respond to the patient's needs for nursing care.
- Educated and provided learning opportunities and patient/family teaching as appropriate to the clinical setting.
- Pursued available resources from which patient/family may draw within the facility or within the community,
- Prepped and performed patient for electrocardiogram testing as ordered by the provider, Initiated action to improve performance, acquired knowledge and skills to maintain expertise in area of practice through research, participated in educational activities to improve clinical knowledge and enhance role performance, Integrated medical and nursing research to validate or change work group practice

***03/2017 - 04/2017, Registered Nurse, GS 0610 01-01 673rd Medical Group Veterans Affairs/Department of Defense Joint Venture Hospital, Medical Surgical Unit/ Intensive Care Unit, Anchorage, Alaska***

- Performed Veteran Affairs National Education for Employees Program (VANEPP) preceptorship
- Demonstrated knowledge and compliance with Veterans Affairs (VA) policies and procedures.
- Demonstrated confidence and clear in communicating with people of different educational levels and cultural as well as ethnic backgrounds
- Assisted with RN preceptor in Diabetic Education Class of 25 veterans.
- Researched and collaborated with other nursing staff to obtain alarm data, survey, implement better Unit and Alarm Fatigue Safety outcomes.

***04/2015 – 02/2017, Licensed Practical Nurse, GS 0620 06-05 Veteran Affairs-Alaska HCS, Domiciliary/Primary Care, Anchorage, Alaska***

- Performed patient care duties under the direct supervision of the Registered Nurse.
- Obtained and recorded vital signs, body measurements, administered injections, performed electrocardiogram and notified providers of results.
- Performed assigned duties, treatments, or procedures in acceptable timeframes, following established policies and practices.

- Promoted patient participation in the therapeutic community by fostering self-reliance and independence.

***08/2014 – 04/2015, Licensed Practical Nurse, GS 0620 04-08***

***Veteran Affairs-Alaska HCS, Primary Care, Anchorage, Alaska***

- Acted as a chaperone and assisted with women's health procedures, specimen collection, and specimen laboratory transport as directed
- Assisted with dermatology time-out, procedure, and specimen transport as directed
- Performed assigned duties, treatments, or procedures in acceptable timeframes, following established policies and practices.
- Promoted patient participation in the therapeutic community by fostering self-reliance and independence

***08/2014 – 04/2015, 40 Hours per Week, Licensed Practical Nurse, GS 0620 04-08***

***Veteran Affairs-Alaska HCS, Primary Care, Anchorage***

- Performed patient care duties under the direct supervision of the Registered Nurse
- Obtained and recording vital signs, body measurements, Prepped and performed patient for electrocardiogram testing as ordered by the provider
- Administered vaccinations and injections
- Acted as a chaperone and assisted with women's health procedures, specimen collection, and specimen laboratory transport as directed, Assisted with dermatology time-out, procedure, and specimen transport as directed
- Performed assigned duties, treatments, or procedures in acceptable timeframes
- Demonstrated excellent communication skills, effectively interact with Veterans and their families

***12/2013 – 08/2014, 40 Hours per Week, Licensed Vocational Nurse, GS 0620 04-08***

***Veteran Affairs-Central Texas HCS, Community Living Center, Temple, Texas***

- Performs patient care duties under the direct supervision of the Registered Nurse, Performed phlebotomy, lab specimen preparation and storage, Obtained and recording vital signs, body measurements
- Administered medication administration including vaccinations, narcotics and PPD tuberculin skin testing
- Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter (PICC) dressing changes
- Demonstrated the ability to observe, identify and respond to the patient's needs for nursing care
- Performed assigned duties, treatments, or procedures in acceptable timeframes, following established policies and practices
- Supervised and managed nursing assistants, BarCode Medication Administration (BCMA), Computerized Patient Record Management (CPRS), and Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture (VISTA)

***10/2012 – 12/2013, 30-40 Hours per Week, Licensed Vocational Nurse, Weston Inn Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation, Temple, Texas***

- Performs patient care duties under the direct supervision of the RN
- Performed phlebotomy, lab specimen preparation and storage
- Obtained and recorded vital signs
- Supervised and managed nursing assistants, Assisted with patient admissions, Assessed patients, Registered vital signs, Performed glucose testing Performed urinalysis testing, Performed Foley catheter insertion and irrigations, Performed bladder scans
- Administered medication administration including vaccinations, narcotics, and PPD tuberculin skin testing, Administered tube feedings

**PROFESSIONAL LICENSE AND CERTIFICATION**

State of Alaska, Registered Nurse License: 117663

01/2017-12/2017

State of Louisiana, Multistate Registered Nurse License by Endorsement: 200509

Expires 01/2023

Basic Life Support (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) CPR for Healthcare providers

Expires 08/2023

**CLINICAL EXPERIENCE**

08/2015 – 12/2016

- Fall 2015– Adult Nursing I 125: Providence Alaska Medical Center  
Provided care to adult patients in acute care unit
- Performed skills, including physical assessment, vital signs, blood glucose checks, subcutaneous injections, Foley catheter placement, sterile technique, dressing change
- Created care plans for patients based on chart assessment
- Documented assessment findings

**EDUCATION**

Master of Science in Nursing with an Emphasis in Leadership in Health Care Systems, Grand Canyon University-Online, 07/2021-present 3.4 GPA

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Grand Canyon University-Online, 12/2017- 04/2019

3.8 GPA, Dean's List, University Honors

- Member Sigma Theta Tau International, Honor Society of Nursing
- Associate of Applied Science, Nursing, University of Alaska-Anchorage Anchorage, Alaska  
08/2015- 12/2016
- General Studies / Pre-Nursing, Central Texas College, Killeen, Texas, 8/2009 to 12/2012
- Vocational Nursing, Central Texas College, Killeen, Texas, 8/2011-8/2012

- Phlebotomy Technician, Emergency Medical Training Center, Wahiawa, Hawaii, 01/2008-03/2008
- Medical Assisting, Medvance Institute, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 12/2002-8/2003
- Accounting Technology Diploma, Louisiana Technical College, Plaquemine, Louisiana, 08/1996-10/1997

Insurance, Phone Management, Medical Manager, BarCode Medication Administration (BCMA), Computerized Patient Record Management (CPRS), and Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture (VISTA) Accounting, EPIC electronic medical records system, Typing, Faxing, Filing, Word Processing, Spreadsheet, Database Management