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# **Professional Summary**

Registered Nurse

Highly skilled, motivated, and dedicated career professional with more than 25 years total healthcare experience in various health care setting; 17 years experience as a Registered nurse in various roles from clinical to nonclinical aspects of care. Experienced working at private, public, government, long-term acute care, behavioral health, educational and acute care nursing facilities.

Diverse Computer/ Technical Skills; Medi-tech CPRS, Vista, Cerner, McKesson, Picis, Meditech, and Epic. Proficient in medical documentation, CPOE, Powerchart, Power note, eMAR, Ad-hoc.

#### **CREDENTIALS**

Board of Examination Exp. 05/2021 RN 906691- Inactive

State of Texas

Board of Examination Exp.06/2023 RN 678383

State of California Board of Examination

State of Tennessee Exp 05/2023 RN1469457

Board of Examination

State of Massachusetts Exp 05/18/24 RN 2271127

# **EDUCATION**

MSHS, Master of Science in Health Science Education May 2015

Arkansas State University

Bachelor of Nursing

Baptist College of Health Science April 2005

Picc / Midline Insertion Class June 2019

CVC Healthcare

Military

Tennessee Air Force National Guard 08/99-08/05

United States Air Force Active Duty 08/05-08/99

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

VCP Staffing Lowell General Hospital - Saints Campus Lowell, Massachusetts

#### 10/2021-Current

Presently working as a Crisis / Contact nurse in the Intermediate Care unit. Duties include care and treatment of patients requiring telemetry monitoring; duties include titrating vasoactive / cardiac drips .Managing high flow oxygen. Assuming care of Covid positive patients .

Favorite HealthCare- Crisis Nurse St. Louis University Hospital St. Louis , MO 09/21-10/21

Worked as a ER Crisis nurse in a level one ER in the local St.Louis area. Duties consistent with job descriptions of an emergency room nurse. Due to Crisis; holding of inpatients; to include ICU patients have increased to 24 to 36 hours.

Memphis VAMC- Full-time Full-time / Emergency Room Memphis, TN 03/2021-09/2021

Recently returned to full- time status in a local veterans emergency room. Dutie is consistent with that of an Emergency room nurse.

Favorite Healthcare- Crisis Nurse Palmdale Regional Hospital Palmdale, CA 01/2021-03/2021

Worked a short-term crisis assignment in a hospital 60 miles outside of Los Angeles.

Krucial Staffing- COVID-19 Relief Nurse Deployment / Neuro ICU 08/2020-10/2020

Recently served as a Covid-19 Deployment nurse with a FEMA contractor; Krucial Staffing. Working in the Neuro ICU at a local Austin, TX hospital

Cedar – Sinaí Marina Del Ray Hospital Full-time/ Emergency Room Nurse 11/2019-08/2020

Recently worked full-time in the ER at a prestigious healthcare facility. Duties include rapid assessment, medication administration, Stroke assessment, Cardiac Arrest management. As well as assisted with various procedures and delegating staff

90210 Surgery Medical Center Precision Ambulatory Surgery Center Part-time Pre-op/Pacu Nurse 06/2019-06/2021 Worked part-time in an Ambulatory Surgery Center, completing pre-op assessments, preparing patients for surgery as well as recovering patients after surgery. Multiple procedures include ophthalmology procedures, spine, cosmetic, and vascular.

Medley Staffing Ambulatory Surgery Centers Pre-op, Intra-op,PACU Per-diem 04/2019- Present

Worked for a surgical staffing agency/registry fulfilling daily requests/ assignments in the Los Angeles and Orange County region. Duties include but are not limited to performing pre-admission assessments, obtaining consents, placing peripheral lines, some intra-op responsibilities as well as recovering and discharging patients to include discharge education.

Registered Nurse- Martin Luther King Community Hospital Inpatient Telemetry/ ICU Float- Part-time 03/2019- 06/2019

Recently, I worked part-time in a new dynamic role to offset ER waiting and holding times. I float throughout the facility as well as the ER and ICU to help with the transitions of telemetry patients throughout the system.

Registered Nurse-Good Samaritan Emergency Room Travel Nurse- 8-week Assignment 01/2019-Current

Recently worked a short term assignment in the Greater Los Angeles area as an ER nurse. Duties include but are not limited to working in the ER overflow unit, closing the unit and working as a Resource nurse as directed after closure in the main ER.

Registered Nurse- Emerus/ Baylor EMC – Grand Prairie, TX
Inpatient Nurse/ICU 03/2017- Current

Computerized Charting System: Picis

Previously, worked as a PRN Float Pool nurse 12-36 hrs a week as an Inpatient Critical Care/Telemetry-ER Float nurse traveling between 4-5 local Micro-hospitals within the Emerus system in the local DFW area. Duties include but not limited to nursing assessment, medication administration, lab collection and analysis. Occasional float to Emergency Room.

Registered Nurse- Tele Med/Surg-Step down Full-time Dallas VAMC 08/2017-11/2018 Computerized Charting System: CPRS and Vista

Working full-time, duties include direct patient care, EKG monitoring. Medication administration. Team lead along with other duties on a med-surg/step-down unit.

Registered Nurse-Contractor Maxim Healthcare Lockheed and Martin Urgent Care Clinic Grand Prairie, TX 11/18-03/2018

Computerized Charting System: Epic Ambulatory

Worked a short-term contract with a major corporation during the leadership transition. Duties include but are not limited to assisting with EPIC Ambulatory Go-live. Front office assistance. Basic nursing care/assessment. Medication administration. Biometric initiation and follow-up.

Nurse Coordinator-Eagle Applied Science, LLC
US Department of Health and Human Services/ Federal Occupational Health
Dallas, TX
01/2017- 03/2018

Worked as an Occupational Health Nurse contractor within a Federal entity performing Medical Surveillance physical. Short –term wellness visits ;to include vision exams, audiometry, spirometry, phlebotomy services along with nursing assessments and health and wellness education for an array of federal employees.

Registered Nurse-Advantix Occupational Health GM Plant-Arlington, X 07/2016-07/2017 Computerized Charting System: Medgate

Worked as an occupational nurse for Advantis Occupational Health as an Occupational Health nurse in the General Motors Health clinic, duties include but not limited to, charting via EMR system Medgate; performing Medical Surveillance exams, return to work exams, physicals, treating minor ailments/injuries. Medication administration, along with assisting with major health concerns and orchestrating care to a higher level of care facilities when needed.

Registered Nurse- Full-time
Emergency Room
11/2015-05/2016
Emory University Hospital
Computerized Charting System: Cerner

Served as a Registered Nurse in the Emergency Room at one of the leading academic medical centers in the United States. Duties include but not limited to, triaging clients, time sensitive assessments, providing care in an emergent —fast paced environment. While keeping abreast of the latest medical research and trends to positively impact patient care.

Staff Registered Nurse Emergency Room

07/2014-11/2015

WellStar Health Systems Austell, GA

Computerized Charting System: Epic

Recently worked at WellStar Health Systems as an Emergency room nurse. Duties include but not limited to being a member of the interdisciplinary team of licensed and unlicensed caregivers providing care in an emergent –fast paced environment. Recently attended such educational forums as Stroke School, ESI training, CPI training, and 12 lead ECG/ Stemi training.

Contract Registered Nurse Healthcare Staffing Network ED Crisis Atlanta VAMC Decatur, GA 08/2013-01/2014

Completed a 13-week contract (which was extended) at the Atlanta VAMC as an ER Crisis Nurse. Duties include but not limited to; assessing veterans on an emergent and/ or no-emergent basis to initiate appropriate treatment such as ETOH and substance abuse detox, crisis intervention, along with medication management in an attempt to help veterans sustain optima mental functioning.

Senior Staff Nurse-Full-time/Charge Nurse Neuroscience ICU/ Step-down Grady Memorial Hospital Atlanta, GA

01/2013-01/2014

Computerized Charting System: Epic

Worked full-time as a staff nurse working at one of the largest hospitals in the state of Georgia, as well as one of the busiest level I trauma centers in the country. I worked in The Marcus Stroke Neuroscience ICU/step-down as a Senior Staff nurse performing essential job duties as well as being an advocate for Stroke education and prevention. Recently, I received my NIHSS certification.

Mental Health/ Crisis RN/ Inpatient psychiatry West Palm Beach VAMC West Palm Beach, FL

08/2012-10/2012

Worked as a mental health nurse in three specialty areas; mental health clinic, ER-Crisis Triage Clinic, and inpatient psychiatry. Roles and duties expanded to be consistent with the demand and initiative to ensure timely, safe, and appropriate care of veterans in need of mental health services. Duties can fluctuate from facilitating the mental health injection clinic, to triage veterans in Crisis that may require inpatient psychiatric treatment, outpatient services, medication management, mental health consultation, education and/or detox. Duties on the inpatient psychiatric unit include but are not limited to admission, initiating treatment plans, medication administration, supervising, along with other services implemented on an inpatient psychiatric unit to facilitate stabilization of clients.

Weekend- Nursing Supervisor 05/2011-05/2012 Kindred Transitional Care and Rehabilitation – Primacy Memphis, TN

Worked part-time as a weekend nurse supervisor at a 125 bed transitional care and rehabilitation facility. Duties include supervising and coordinating the efforts of nursing staff and providing total nursing care for residents. Managing areas of responsibility with the goal of achieving and maintaining the highest quality of care possible. Such as contacting physicians as necessary, participating in counseling, scheduling and directing the nursing staff. Recommending plans for staff training, ensuring timely documentation of resident care activities.

Part-time Weekend Nights- Charge RN HealthSouth Rehabilitation Center Memphis, TN 08/2010-08/2011

As a rehabilitation nurses at HealthSouth I cared for individuals affected by chronic illness or and /or physical disability and helped them to adapt to their disabilities to achieve their greatest potential and work toward productive, independent lives by working with other licensed health care personnel such as; physical therapist, occupational therapist, speech therapist and case management. A typical night shift included assessment, medication administration, acting as charge nurse and overseeing other staff members. We often worked with individuals and their families soon after the onset of a disabling injury or chronic illness. Providing support in the form of patient and family education and empowering these individuals when they go home or return to work or school. We often taught patients and their caregivers how to access systems and resources. Along with managing complex medical issues, collaborating with other specialists, providing ongoing patient/caregiver education, setting goals for maximal independence and establishing plans of care to maintain optimal wellness

Detox-Dual Diagnosis /Charge Nurse Parkwood Behavioral Health Hospital Olive Branch, MS 01/2011-04/2012

Worked as a charge nurse on a 21-bed dual diagnosis unit at a behavior health facility where inpatient, outpatient and residential mental health services were rendered. The particular units I worked on, had a ratio of 1 nurse to 21 patients assisted by 1 mental health tech. Duties include nursing care of patients requiring substantial specialized judgment and skills of patients with psychiatric and substance abuse disorders. As the Registered Nurse on the unit, I prescribed, coordinated and delegated nursing care utilizing the nursing process that is integrated into the multidisciplinary treatment team plan of care. Also, accountable and responsible for assigned nursing care activities on the unit. Implementing a thorough health assessment to identify and manage patients with possible withdrawal symptoms to prevent complications along with initiating and following withdrawal protocols and procedures and with implementing an individualized Treatment plan.

Adjunct Instructor /Allied Health
Mid-south Community College, West Memphis AR

12/2010-12/2010 Semester

Worked one semester as an adjunct allied health instructor at a local community college. Teaching high school students such instructions in such courses as Medical professions I and Medical Terminology I. Class size range;

8-10 students. Other duties included attending professional meetings, educational conferences, and teacher training workshops to maintain and improve professional competence. Conferring with parents or guardians, other teachers, counselors, and administrators to resolve students' behavioral and academic problems. Enforcing all administration policies and rules governing students. Establishing and enforcing rules for behavior and procedures for maintaining order among students. Instruct students individually and in groups, using various teaching methods, such as lectures, discussions, and demonstrations.

Strike/Job Action nurse US Nursing/Fast staff

12/2009-12/2015

Computerized Charting System: Meditech

Throughout the years I have worked numerous Job action assignments in California and Washington. Assignments are typically over a period of eight to fifteen days. Duties include but not limited to an initial day orientation to continue patient care; patient assessment, medication administration, medical transcription, order entry and all other multitasking duties that present while working on an l unit along with rhythm analysis and monitoring. Until strike/job-action is completed and the return of permanent staff

Staff Nurse-General Intensive Care Unit

05/2005-10/2009

Memphis Area Regional Medical Center,

Memphis, TN

Computerized Charting System: Meditech

Worked as critical care nurse in the General Intensive care unit, located in Memphis, TN at Memphis Area Regional Medical Center, a level one trauma center serving medically indigent patients in a 4 stat tier. The ICU area I worked in consisted of 4 subspecialties; Medical, Neuro-trauma, Surgical and Cardiac. Duties include but not limited to delivering nursing judgment consistent with a critical care nurse; hemodynamic monitoring, vasoactive gtt titration, Assisting with intubation /estuations. Rotoprone bed management, Performing invasive procedures at the bedside such as central line placement, Chest tube insertion, ventric placement etc. Other duties include participating in grand rounds, educating staff and family members, performing end of life care. Traveling to procedures while using ACLS guidelines. Attending hospital classes and seminars. Participating in research studies and clinical trials. Occasionally functioning on the hospital rapid response team.

#### **Certifications and Professional Organizations**

BASIC CARDIAC LIFE SUPPORT EXP 10/2023
ADVANCED CARDIAC LIFE SUPPORT (ACLS) EXP 10/2023
Pediatric ACLS EXP 02/2022
MAB Exp 01/2021

American Nursing Association- Active Member Emergency Nurses Association – Active Member

#### References

Gwen Morris, Krucial Staffing	202-487-5039
Tanieka Nettles Cedar Saini Marina Del Rey	323-684-4577
Maral Hintiryan Charge Nurse 90210 Surgery Ctr	310-651-2050
Medley Staffing	424-400-5708
Anthony Taliaferro, Charge nurse MLK Hospital	901-336-5118
Meagan Palmer , Baylor EMC	210-383-7118

Robin Bell, GM Assembly Plant	817-209-7993
Jeff Jean, Emory Healthcare,	678-876-7880
Sheona Issacs, WellStar Workforce Engineering	770-366-2729
Lakeesha Harden, WellStar ED	901-896-9277
Dorethea Bradley, Atlanta VAMC	404-298-3127
Pam Keeves, Healthcare Staffing Network	404-761-7320
Mary Edith , Staffing Coordinator	478-992-6597
Monica Henderson, Marcus Stroke Neuroscience ICU	404-678-4253
Shelia Turner, Charge Nurse Methodist	901-672-5844
Ethel Richardson, Personnel Reference	901-679-5789
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