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Career Profile

Upholds high standards of professional nursing care for a diverse patient population, ranging in age from 0 to 21 years, including but not limited to outpatient and inpatient medical, surgical, infectious disease, mental health and trauma patients.

Competencies include:

- Proficient in coordinating holistic care and advocating for all patients and students, as individuals
- Exceptional communication and organization skills; maintains complete and confidential records
- Establishes strong, positive and personal rapport with staff, patients, students and their families
- Experienced preceptor and mentor to new staff RNs, nursing interns and general students
- Licenses & Certifications: Registered Nurse, WI Board of Nursing (02/22); BLS (07/21); Vision, Hearing and Scoliosis (12/22); PALS; STABLE; NRP Provider; ENPC; NIHSS Level 1

Relevant Experience

Registered Nurse - School Nurse, Lakehill Preparatory School | Dallas, TX (8/20 - 7/21)

- Established a brand new nursing program and created the very first school clinic at Lakehill Preparatory School (LPS), since opening in 1971
- Worked closely with the Headmaster and Assistant Head of School to develop and enforce strict infection control policies and procedures, allowing for in-person learning for the *entire* 2020-2021 school year
- As part of school administration and as the Team Leader of the LPS COVID Response Team, completed contact tracing for all lab-confirmed COVID-19 cases
- Screened every absence and determined all faculty, staff and student return to campus dates, resulting in *zero* cases of on campus COVID-19 transmission
- Developed close working relationships with the Dallas County Health Department and CDC in order to maintain the most up-to-date infectious disease and public health knowledge
- Worked closely with LPS security to assess potential hazards, prepare for emergencies and update school safety protocols
- Provided direct patient care to all student injuries and illnesses, as within RN scope of practice
- Administered student medications, as ordered by healthcare providers and per Texas Department of State Health Services recommendations
- Maintained strict confidentiality in regards to all faculty, staff and student health and safety concerns; made appropriate referrals as needed

Registered Nurse - Big Thought, Summer Camp | Strategic Focus | Dallas, TX (7/20 - 8/20)

- Enforced strict infection control and social distancing guidelines, to slow the spread of COVID-19, as recommended by the CDC
- Administered home medications and first-aid to staff and students (grades K-5), as needed
- Updated staff, students and parents on current Dallas County health concerns and adjusted daily camp routines accordingly, as recommended by Dallas County Health and Human Services and the CDC
- Worked closely with camp coordinators and Big Thought administration to create and implement camp safety protocols

Registered Nurse - Post-op Unit, Outpatient Pediatric Surgery Center | ParkHill Pediatric Surgery Center | Dallas, TX and Plano, TX (12/18 - 07/20)

- Efficiently provided direct patient care for up to four post-op patients simultaneously, per anesthesia and surgery guidelines, with goal to discharge home in a safe & timely manner
- Developed individualized patient care plans and created specialized teaching handouts, to ensure patients could safely continue recovery at home and caregivers were well educated
- As the designated Employee Health Nurse and per AAAHC recommendations, maintained all up to date staff vaccination records and kept record of staff illness and injury

- As the designated Infection Control Nurse and per CDC guidelines, educated staff on proper infection control in all patient/family areas to minimize the possibility of post-op infections and disease transmission among staff and patients
- Collaborated with administration and the medical director to create and update surgery center policies and procedures, to safely resume elective surgeries during the COVID-19 pandemic

Registered Nurse - Pediatric Short Stay Unit, Emergency Services | Cook Children's Medical Center | Fort Worth, TX (02/18 - 03/19)

- Provided direct patient care for patients hospitalized for 23 hours or less
- Coordinated with parents, caregivers and hospital team to determine patient safety for discharge
- Created individualized patient care plan for full hospital admission and/or further care
- Worked closely with child protective services and social work to ensure a safe and nurturing home environment for abused and/or neglected children

Registered Nurse - Pediatric Inpatient Unit | Medical City Children's Hospital (MCCH) Dallas, TX (01/16 - 09/17)

- Efficiently managed care for up to five patients simultaneously, with varying levels of acuity
- Delivered culturally competent skilled care per hospital protocol and clinical area specific standards
- Floated to MCCH Level IV NICU to assist staff in caring for critically ill premature newborns
- Served as preceptor for new staff RNs, RN interns and nursing students
- Previously employed as travel nurse from 07/15 to 12/15

Travel Registered Nurse - Various US Pediatric Inpatient Units | Cross Country TravCorps, American Traveler and Aya Healthcare (04/11 - 07/11 and 05/14 - 12/15)

- Quickly oriented to new environments and new hospital systems
- Embraced coworkers with effective interpersonal skills and created a positive work environment by using clear and constructive communication necessary for teamwork
- Promptly adapted to established hospital policies and procedures, while functioning independently after only one to two shifts of unit orientation
- Provided direct patient care and education with sound clinical judgment for two to four patients at a time, with respect to each patient's personal, educational, cultural, religious and/or financial background

Registered Nurse - Pediatric Critical Care Float Pool | Children's Hospital Minnesota Minneapolis, MN (01/08 - 04/11 and 07/11 - 03/14)

- Effectively applied the nursing process to care for one to three patients per shift, requiring inpatient and outpatient medical, surgical, orthopedic, neurological, infectious disease, mental health, hematology, oncology, urology, trauma and NICU Level III interventions
- Provided emotional support and education for patients and families needing end-of-life care
- Coordinated and administered multidisciplinary care to meet the physical and psychosocial needs of patients, families and caregivers
- Served as preceptor for new staff RNs, RN interns and nursing students

Registered Nurse - Pediatric Clinics & Urgent Care | Gundersen Health System La Crosse, WI (08/05 - 12/07)

- Assisted MDs and NPs with well child visits and sick appointments
- Managed prescription and medical requests and questions, while maintaining patient and family privacy and confidentiality at all times
- Educated patients and families on current patient status and disease process to encourage best possible outcome
- Utilized appropriate decision making abilities and evidence-based practice to triage newborn and pediatric
 patients in order to direct patients to the proper level of care

Education & Awards

Bachelor of Science in Nursing | Mount Mary College - Columbia Hospital School of Nursing | 2004 Milwaukee, WI

• Honors: Outstanding Nursing Practice Award