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**Objective**

To obtain a position as a Registered Nurse where my extensive acute care and patient advocacy experience will be utilized to ensure high quality, compassionate and medically appropriate care.

**Education**

California State University, Bakersfield

Bachelor’s of Science, Nursing, 2011

Southern California University of Health Sciences

Doctor of Chiropractic, 2000

California State University, Northridge

Bachelor’s of Arts, Kinesiology-Athletic Training, 1996

**Skill Highlights**

* Experienced in patient evaluation using the nursing process and in implementing proper evidence-based intervention as ordered by the physician to ensure optimum patient recovery.
* Skilled in management of critically ill patients, ventilator management, managing titratable medications and medication administration in a timely and accurate manner.
* Skilled in basic 12-lead electrocardiogram interpretation.
* Establish trust and rapport with patients and patients’ family members by listening to their concerns and understanding their unique needs in order to better advocate for the patient and provide a framework for coping with chronic and acute health issues.
* Proficient in collaborating with the medical staff team to ensure the highest quality and cost effective care in fast paced environments where accuracy and multi-tasking capability are required.
* Proficient in electronic charting and medical record keeping using Epic and Cerner charting system.
* Demonstrate conflict resolution, risk-mitigation, organizational, and negotiation skills.
* Computer literate and adept in the use of office productivity platforms and electronic communications.

**Professional Experience**

**Kaiser Foundation, Inc.**

Registered Nurse-Antelope Valley Medical Office-Cardiology Clinic

May 2022 to current

Performing treadmill stress test in outpatient clinic. Interpretation of basic 12-lead electrocardiogram for tachycardia, bradycardia, arrhythmias, ST elevation and ST depression. Screening and assessment of patient for safety to conduct treadmill stress test. Monitor for signs and symptoms of distress to conclude the test. Educate patient regarding treadmill stress test including signs and symptoms to look for and when to seek emergency medical care. Gather information to submit to cardiologist for interpretation. Report cardiologist’s interpretation to the patient, ordering provider and primary care provider. Maintain updated and timely charting in Epic for accurate patient records. Efficient use of time for time management and minimize the use of overtime.

**Kaiser Foundation, Inc.**

Registered Nurse-Panorama City Medical Center-Medical Intensive Care Unit

November 2021 to April 2022

Perform and document assessment of patient and family. Management of the critically ill patient including patients diagnosed with Covid-19. Provide advance life support in emergency situations. Identify patient’s needs regarding family teaching, discharge planning, growth and development, nutritional screening and pain management. Provide to families education pertaining to the patient, in a way they easily understand. Provide video calls for family members to visit patient during hospital restricted visitation period. Demonstrate professional communication, critical thinking, and customer service skills. Maintain commitment to the unit as a team member by assisting co-workers in patient care for proper utilization of resources, minimize waste and prevent overtime. Demonstrate strong oral and written communication skills. Collaborate with case manager, physical therapist, dietitian, and pharmacy to ensure appropriate care of the patient

**Dignity Health-Bakersfield Memorial Hospital**

Registered Nurse-Medical Intensive Care Unit

May 2021 to February 2022

Duties include management of critically ill patients including ventilator support, medication administration and assisting in initiation of invasive lines and procedures. Implement plan of care, based on physicians’ orders, while providing accurate patient assessment and documentation. Provide health related education to patients and patients’ family members at a level that they can understand. Demonstrate professional communication, critical thinking and customer service skills. Practice excellent time management skills and demonstrate appropriate utilization of resources. Demonstrate strong oral and written communication skills. Collaborate with the case manager, physical therapist, dietician, and pharmacist to ensure appropriate care of the patient. Provide advance life support in emergency situations.

**Kaiser Foundation, Inc.**

Registered Nurse – Medical Intensive Care Unit

December 2020 to May 2021

Perform and document assessment of patient and family. Management of the critically ill patient including patients diagnosed with Covid-19. Provide advance life support in emergency situations. Identify patient’s needs regarding family teaching, discharge planning, growth and development, nutritional screening and pain management. Provided to families education pertaining to the patient, in a way they can understand. Provided video calls for family members to visit patient during hospital restricted visitation period. Demonstrate professional communication, critical thinking, and customer service skills. Maintain commitment to the unit as a team member by assisting co-workers in patient care for proper utilization of resources, minimize waste and prevent overtime. Demonstrate strong oral and written communication skills. Collaborate with case manager, physical therapist, dietitian, and pharmacy to ensure appropriate care of the patient.

**Adventist Health Bakersfield**

Registered Nurse II-Medical Intensive Care Unit

February 2012 to December 2020; full time and per diem

Duties include performing and documenting assessment of critically ill patient. Implement plan of care and initiate interventions based on physicians’ orders. Provide health related education to patients and patients’ family members. Demonstrate professional communication, critical thinking and customer service skills. Maintain commitment to the unit as a team member. Practice excellent time management skills and demonstrate appropriate utilization of resources. Demonstrate strong oral and written communication skills. Collaborate with the case manager, physical therapist, dietician, and pharmacist to ensure appropriate care of the patient. Mentoring student nurses and newly hired staff. Provide advance life support in emergency situations.

Registered Nurse-Neonatal Intensive Care Unit

Provide care to critically ill pre-term newborns, birth to 3 months. Management of the newborn patient on the mechanical ventilation, continuous positive airway pressure management, and supplemental oxygen therapy. Providing education to parents regarding daily care of the newborn, signs and symptoms to monitor, and when to call a physician. Collaborate with speech therapy, case management and multidisciplinary team members. ­

**Adventist Health Tehachapi Valley**

Registered Nurse Shift Leader/House Supervisor

September 2018 to September 2019; full time

Supervision of Intensive Care Unit and Medical Surgical Unit staff. Manage daily staffing levels to meet unit requirements and facilitate efficiency of service. Conduct daily rounding to ensure patients are receiving the highest possible quality care. Collaborate with the multidisciplinary team to ensure the patients are receiving appropriate level of care while inpatient and to meet care needs after discharge. Role of resource nurse to staff nurses. Role of House Supervisor on holidays and weekends. Receive, investigate and mitigate patient complaints relating to quality of care issues. Performed case management duties in the absence of case management staff. Assisting in transfer of patients to outside facilities, arranging transportation, and coordinating home health needs prior to discharge. Coordinate with home health agencies, supplemental care agencies to assist patients home needs after discharge.

**Professional Memberships**

American Association of Critical Care Nurses-AACN

**Licensures and Certifications**

Licensed Registered Nurse

Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support Certificate

Basic Life Support Certificate

Pediatric Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support Certificate

Licensed Public Health Nurse  
Licensed Doctor of Chiropractic  
X-ray Supervisor and Operator Permit