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Contract / Per Diem - Concentric Healthcare Solutions

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Willing to relocate: Anywhere

Work Experience

Contract / Per Diem

Concentric Healthcare Solutions

November 2011 to Present

Inpatient: Geriatric St Luke's Generations, Haven Senior Horizons

Adult AZ State Hospital, Oasis, Aurora, Crisis Response Unit

Adolescent Devereau, Youth Development Institute (YDI)

Provide age-appropriate nursing care adapted to the individual patient needs.
Perform patient teaching of medications, symptom management and coping skills.
Evaluate and document patient's response and the effectiveness of patient teaching.
Administer psychotropic medications per subjective and objective assessment data.
Monitor for side effects, adverse reactions and effectiveness of medications.
Prompt reporting of observed changes in mental status and/or physical condition.
Provide care in a non-judgmental manner, sensitive to the patient's needs.

SMI Clinic: Southwest Network (Bethany Village)

Chicano Por La Causa (Centro Esperanza) *ACT Team RN*

Lifewell (South Mountain)

Perform routine nursing care to Behavioral Health Recipient (BHR).
Use venipuncture skills to obtain blood specimens for lab values.
Track lab values and monitor vital signs to recognize changes in physical status.
Enter lab values in REMS for BHR treated with Clozaril.
Timely and accurate documentation of interactions with BHRs.

Detox: Serenity, Buena Vista, Valor, Canyon Vista

Perform admission assessment and communicate findings to Addictionologist.

Obtain admission orders and medication protocol.

Perform patient education of detox procedures and medications.

Use appropriate detox assessment tool i.e. COW, mSAS and/or CIWA per facility protocol.

Administer comfort meds according to subjective and objective results.

Monitor and document vital signs, withdrawal signs and symptoms.

Maintain confidentiality and provide care in a non-judgmental, non-discriminatory manner.

23 Hour Observation: Community Bridges (CPEC), Recovery Innovations (Retreat)

Peer-led crisis stabilization and 23 hour observation unit.

Received patient escorted by police and cuffed on Petition or Amended Court Ordered Treatment. Patient is Danger to Self, Danger to Others, Persistent and Acutely Disabled or Gravely Disabled. Perform subjective assessment of patient's mental status and ability to participate in admission assessment.

Manage and defuse escalating behaviors thru effective use of CPI theory and techniques.

Assessment & Referral RN

Triage and Admissions - Tempe, AZ

March 2018 to December 2018

85283

480-345-5400

Perform medical clearance assessment on potential patient within 15 minutes upon arrival.

Complete Medical Screening Evaluation for medical, psychosocial and substance abuse history.

Use appropriate detox assessment tool i.e. COW and/or mSAS, per facility protocol.

Verify medications, dosages, and frequency from dispensing pharmacy.

Obtain narcotic prescription activity from the AZ Board of Pharmacy.

Contact On-Call Physician for admission orders.

Order Labs through Sonora Quest online ordering system.

Order medications through Health Care System electronic MAR (HCS eMR).

Place TB test, intradermal, to dorsal surface of left forearm.

Call report to RN on receiving unit.

Assessment & Intake RN

St Luke's Behavioral Health Center - Phoenix, AZ

November 2014 to July 2016

85006

602-251-8500

Review referral packet from Emergency Department for medical appropriateness.

Conduct Nurse-to-Nurse and speak with potential patient to determine voluntary status.

Upon arrival, interview patient to obtain medical, psychosocial, and substance abuse history.

Verify medications, dosages, and frequency from dispensing pharmacy.

Communicate findings with Psychiatrist or Addictionologist for admission orders.

Call report to RN on receiving unit.

Behavioral Health Core Skills

Competent in diverse BEHAVIORAL HEALTH settings caring for patients across the lifespan and thru the continuum utilizing the Nursing Process.

Staff RN

Connections AZ (UPC)

August 2013 to July 2014

Physician-led crisis stabilization and 23 hour observation unit.

Received patient on Petition or Amendment.

Administer intramuscular injections as ordered, to patients with inappropriate behaviors due to delusions, psychosis.

Manage and take charge of physical aggression thru effective use of Seclusion and Restraints.

Psychiatric RN

Amedysis Home Health - Chandler, AZ

January 2012 to December 2012

85224 480-883-9295

Responsible for homebound psychiatric patients in the East Valley.
Perform psychological assessment using established tools per company policy and procedures.
Teach psychiatric symptom management.
Teach psychotropic medications intended purpose, side effects and adverse reactions.
Document home visit in Medicare OASIS system in a timely manner.

Executive Director

The Potter's House Restoration Ministries, Inc - Anderson, SC

November 2004 to September 2011

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Developed a Christ-centered 90 day program for Guest addicted to crack cocaine.
Conducted physical and psychosocial assessment to find community resources for medical, behavioral health and mental health services.
Reached-out to Community for assistance with presentation for Church and employment.
Taught Guest daily living and other skills in preparation to return to family in state of optimal wellness.

Critical Care Core Skills

Strong clinical background in the critical care setting providing attentive care to patients with a variety of systemic health challenges.

Employment

Supplemental Staff RN

Greenville Memorial Hospital - Greenville, SC

2004 to 2006

Resource Pool, RN

Greenwood Health Systems - Greenwood, SC

2003 to 2004

Staff Nurse, ICU

Anderson Area Medical Center - Anderson, SC

2002 to 2004

Emergency Department Core Skills

As member of the emergency response team, able to think quickly and execute appropriate response to emergent pain and trauma care needs of medically unstable patients.

Employment

Staff Nurse, ED

North East Baptist Hospital - San Antonio, TX

2001 to 2002

Pediatric, LVN

Christus Santa Rosa - San Antonio, TX

1999 to 2001

Pediatric, LVN

MDCP/CCP - San Antonio, TX

1999 to 2001

Staff Radiographer

Brooke Army Medical Center - Fort Sam Houston, TX

1991 to 1998

VOCATIONAL NURSING EXPERIENCE

Home Health

Education

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

University of Texas Health Science Center - San Antonio, TX

2001

Certificate

St Philips College - San Antonio, TX

1997

Master of Business Administration in Health Care Management

Webster University - St. Louis, MO

1992

Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration

Southern Wesleyan University

1985

Nursing Licenses

RN

Skills

- Behavioral Health
- Nursing

Military Service

Branch: United States Army

Rank: Cpt

Certifications and Licenses

BLS Certification