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Experienced Registered Nurse with over 20 years experience. Recent management experience in sub-acute and long term nursing care settings. Worked with my team members to achieve a favorable annual survey report in a challenged facility. Updated clinical skills of direct care nursing staff. Reduced cost of direct care nursing staff by over \$7000.00 weekly and eliminated the use of agency staffing within first two weeks of in job position. Instituted a culture of accountability within facility. Travelled across the country to provide teaching to nurses and anesthesiologists on new medical equipment. Provided care to patients in a high stress, fast paced emergency department for 9 years. Possess valid CPR Card. Obtained Restorative Certification, and the Infection Preventionist and Control Certificate.

Work Experience

Director of Nursing

Lancaster Health - Oakbrook Terrace, IL

January 2020 to Present

- Oversee nursing staff
- In process of implementing electronic medical record
- Communicate with families
- Oversee medications and records for all residents
- Perform doctor's rounds with the physicians
- Perform covid test and track the staff and residents
- Create and maintain care plans

Assistant Director of Nursing/St. Patrick's Residence

Carmelite Systems

July 2018 to January 2020

Managed 150+ employees in Direct Nursing Care. Oversaw clinical operations of 180+ bed sub-acute care facility

- Implemented a system for providing necessary training and for holding Facility staff and agency staff accountable
- Evaluated staffing assignments and solved issues daily
- Assumed the role of Infection Control Preventionist
- Implemented routines for staff in order to maintain compliance with infection control
- Implemented environmental rounds
- Instituted InfectionWatch
- Prepared the facility and assisted with Annual Survey, resulting in 6 minor deficiencies
- Assisted in re-establishing a proper running restorative program.

Resident Care Services Director

Providence Life Services

October 2017 to July 2018

Audit resident charts and maintain appropriate medical records

- Interview and hire new employees to reduce the need for agency use
- Assess potential new residents and determine appropriate level of care
- Reassess residents for readmission, change of condition, or annual assessments
- Build relationships with residents and their families
- Order necessary supplies and maintain allotted budget
- Assisted medical director instituting a protocol to follow when hospitalization is being considered
- Achieved a deficiency free annual survey
- Improved acuity training
- Reduced rate of rehospitalization
- Reduced employe overtime and essentially eliminated agency use

Nurse Clinician

A Healthier Life

June 2017 to September 2017

Overseen patients participating in a homeopathic detoxification/weight loss program

Director of Nursing

Sava Senior Care

May 2016 to February 2017

Managed 92+ employees in Direct Nursing Care. Oversaw clinical operations of 100+ bed sub-acute care facility

- Developed staffing matrix to maintain a desired PPD
- Dealt directly with IDPH surveyors and completed all visits with only minor concerns
- Worked side by side with administrator and successfully improved the financial situation of the facility
- Achieved 6 minimal deficiencies in Annual Survey as opposed to the 11+ serious deficiencies received the year prior
- Reduced rate of rehospitalizations
- Worked with team in turning the financial deficit of \$8 Million to a profit of \$25,000 in less than 8 months time

Nurse Educator

Hospira

December 2015 to May 2016

Instructed nurses and anesthesiologists how to work new medical equipment

- Travelled across the United States to various settings to teach

Registered Nurse/ Advocate

June 2005 to November 2015

Provided hands-on patient care in high stress, fast paced Level One Trauma Emergency Department for over 9 years

- Managed a caseload of 3 to 15 patients at one time within a shift
- Admitted and discharged patients continuously within a shift
- Assisted in conscious sedation procedures

- Expertise in placing IV catheters
- Assisted in opening and maintaining a successful geriatric section of the emergency department
- Provided care to telemetry patients prior to working the emergency department

Education

Bachelor of Science

Nursing/ St. Xavier's University
January 1995

Associate in Arts degree in History

Moraine Valley Community College
December 1990

Skills

- Nursing
- Infection Control Training
- Critical Care Experience
- Medication Administration
- EMR Systems

Certifications and Licenses

Registered Nurse (RN)

April 1995 to May 2022

BLS Certification

CPR Certification