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INDIVIDUALS STRENGTHS

Energetic – Resourceful – Team Leader – Critical Thinker – Positive Attitude

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

PULSE HEALTHCARE

Herndon, VA

January 2020 - present

ICU Agency Travel Nurse

Under short term contracts, fill in during times of shortage with little orientation needed due to a vast amount of previous experience.
Assignment – University of Louisville (Trauma 1) – Louisville, KY

NORTHWESTERN HUNTLEY HOSPITAL

Huntley, IL

June 2018 – May 2020

Staff Nurse, ICU

Provide comprehensive nursing care to critically ill adult patients.

FAVORITE HEALTHCARE

Rolling Meadows, IL

June 2017 – August 2017

ICU Agency Travel Nurse

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Assignment – Centegra Huntley Hospital – Huntley, IL

NORTHWESTERN MEDICINE KISHWAUKEE

Dekalb, IL

November 2017 – June 2018

Staff Nurse, ICU

Provide comprehensive nursing care to critically ill adult patients.

PLANET HEALTHCARE

Northbrook, IL

July 2017 – November 2017

ICU Agency Travel Nurse

Under short term contracts, fill in during times of shortage with little orientation needed due to a vast amount of previous experience.
Assignment - Northwest Medicine Kishwaukee Hospital – DeKalb, IL

LIQUID AGENTS HEALTHCARE

Plano, TX

July 2016 – July 2019

ICU Agency Travel Nurse

Under short term contracts, fill in during times of shortage with little orientation needed due to a vast amount of previous experience.
Assignment - Rockford Memorial Hospital (Trauma 1) – Rockford, IL

ICU Agency Travel Nurse

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Assignment - Cancer Treatment Centers of America – Zion, IL

ALEXIAN BROTHERS MEDICAL CENTER
Elk Grove Village, IL

November 1996 – June 2016

Rapid Response Team Liaison

November 2007 – June 2016

- On call throughout the hospital for patients who meet RRT criteria to assess and perform appropriate interventions. Patients are ultimately stabilized on the floor or transferred to ICU. It is a CCRN nurse lead team, with highly advanced critical thinking skills. Protocols are followed for appropriate interventions. It is determined by the RRT nurse whether the RRT MD needs to be involved. After the patient is stabilized, or safely transferred to ICU the PMD is updated.
- Be available for feedback regarding the rapid response team. Provide conflict resolution to support floor staff and provide RRT members with education.
- Precept and mentor new RRT members
- Monitor and screen patients throughout the hospital for sepsis and responsible for making sure that core measures are met.
- Stroke Team Nurse – responding to all stroke alerts within the hospital and perform initial NIHSS, report to neurologist.
- Assist ER with post code patients and responsible for initiating hypothermia protocol. Also provide assistance with ICU/CCU admission hold patients
- Run mock codes throughout the hospital and provide constructive feedback to the staff involved
- Provide hospital wide education on various as detox protocols, informative discussions regarding DNR status, and various other protocols

Charge Nurse/Clinician II, ICU/CCU/CVICU

November 2005 – June 2016

In charge of the care and management of a 36 bed combined Medical/Surgical Intensive Care Unit/Neuro Intensive Care/Cardiovascular intensive care

Staff Nurse/Clinician I, ICU/CCU

March 2003 – June 2016

Provide comprehensive nursing care to critically ill adult patients.

Duties Include care of:

- Multi-system failure/shock/sepsis patients in need of Vaso-active medication
 - Medication Administration/titration
 - Mechanical Ventilation
 - CRRT
 - Hemodynamic monitoring Neurological
 - Cardiac/AMI patients
 - Pre and post cardiac intervention patients Maintenance and removal of arterial sheaths Care of patients in cardiogenic shock
- Post-surgical patients
 - Immediate post-surgical recovery care
- Patients who are otherwise unstable and in need of close monitoring
- Provide patient education, resources and emotional support to patients and families regarding their individual situation, ailments and/or needs

Collaborate with interdisciplinary team members on various issues encountered in critical care

Member of unit based satisfaction committee

Charge Nurse, 6 West Telemetry*July 1998 – March 2003*

In charge of the care and management of a 30 bed combined telemetry step down unit and stroke unit.

Staff Nurse, 6 West Telemetry*October 1997 – March 2003*

Provide telemetry nursing care for patients needing cardiac monitoring and special

RN Technician, 6 West Telemetry*May 1997 – October 1997*

Assisted registered nurses under supervision with nursing procedures and administering medications

Nursing Intern, 6 East/6 West Telemetry*November 1996 – May 1997*

- Assisted nurses with basic nursing procedures
- Maintained safe and comfortable environment for patients
- Assisted patients with activities of daily living

EDUCATION

William Rainey Harper College
Associates Degree in Applied Science in Nursing – *with honors*

Palatine, IL
May 1997

CERTIFICATES and ACCOLADES**Basic Life Support**

American Heart Association, January 2022

Advanced Cardiac Life Support

American Heart Association, January 2020

NIHSS Certification

American Academy of CME, July 2021

CCRN Certification

American Association of Critical Care Nurses, September 2021