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# PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Proficient and caring nursing team member offering over 17 years of patient-centered care and experience. Highly skilled and motivated registered nurse with 2 years of Leadership Education in the academic setting. Nursing and patient education focused care of adults of all ages. Special knowledge and interests include patient and student-centered teaching (lecture, lab, and clinical); care of the older adult specifically with dementia. Prevention and treatment of illnesses across the healthcare spectrum and development of patient and student educational materials. Addresses patient needs with compassionate care and attention to detail ensuring that the students/patients/family understand what is being presented. Diligent in maximizing student/patient satisfaction, safety and wellness while serving a culturally diverse population. Proficient and caring nurse offering outstanding student/patient experiences. Adept at addressing student/patient needs with compassion. Well-qualified medical professional with experience triaging patients, capturing information, and delegating tasks. Excellent communication, prioritization and multitasking abilities with sound judgment and compassionate nature. Background in clinic and hospital environments.

# **SKILLS**

- Work Planning and Coordination
- · Conflict Resolution
- Commitment to Educational and Professional Development
- Multi-Tasking and Prioritization
- · Decision-Making
- Effective Communication
- Examination and Test Preparation
- Guidance and Advising
- Change Management or Adaptability
- · Information Compiling and Auditing

### **EXPERIENCE**

LPN Program Director

September 2022 - Current

- College Of Southern Nevada Nursing Programs | Las Vegas, United States
- Responsible for day-to-day functions of the Practical Nursing Program
- Works closely with other faculty and students to ensure the program is meeting the needs of the students, college, and community
- Currently lectures in four classes
- · Responsibilities include conducting meetings with PN faculty and administration
- Communicate policies and procedures regarding course outlines, exams, grading, and other institutional matters
- · Coordinates the records of faculty and students within the program
- · Maintains program records such as syllabi, outlines, and grades
- · Prepares materials for appropriate professional and regional accreditation associations.

Nursing Instructor

July 2020 - Current

- · Monitored progress of each student and provided formal evaluation upon completion of clinical placements
- Developed and created clinical assignments to assess student skills
- Coached underperforming students to help meet clinical objectives Assessed student knowledge levels and abilities with detailed assessments
- Coordinated with clinicians to develop and coordinate student assignments
- Prepared and administered weekly examinations to test student skills
- Strived to continuously update course strategies and content based on current trends and technological advancements in healthcare
- Trained hundreds of students and new nurses to identify signs of patient health deterioration and clinical equipment malfunction to promote achievement of course objectives
- Oversaw laboratory and clinical environments to help students advance knowledge/abilities
- Prepared course materials such as syllabi, homework assignments and handouts for distribution or use within classroom.

RN May 2015 - Current

Dignity Health | Henderson, NV

- Collaborated with physicians to quickly assess patients and deliver appropriate treatment while managing rapidly changing conditions
- Educated patients, families and caregivers on diagnosis and prognosis, treatment options, disease process and management and lifestyle options
- Trained new nurses in proper techniques, care standards, operational procedures, and safety protocols
- Provided direct patient care, stabilized patients, and determined next course of action
- · Administered medications via oral, IV and intramuscular injections and monitored responses
- Implemented medication and IV administration, catheter insertion and airway management
- Managed care from admission to discharge
- Administered medications and treatment to patients and monitored responses while working with healthcare teams to adjust care plans
- · Collected blood, tissue and other laboratory specimens and prepared for lab testing
- Updated patient charts with data such as medications to keep records current and support accurate treatments
- Monitored patient condition by interpreting and tracking EKG readings, identifying irregular telemetry readings and updating team members on changes in stability or acuity
- · Organized and managed care of patients undergoing various therapies and procedures
- Conferred with physicians to discuss diagnoses and devise well-coordinated treatment approaches.

# Adjunct Clinical Instructor

January 2020 - July 2020

College Of Southern Nevada Nursing Programs | Las Vegas, United States

- · Provided immediate and constructive feedback to students individually and as group
- Implemented instructional presentations to communicate coursework goals
- Provide clinical instruction to 8 ADN/LPN students in clinical settings on Medical and Critical Care topics

- Instructed students on how to perform head-to-toe assessments on patients and how to intervene in medical emergencies
- Evaluated students' competencies through written assignments and examinations
- Instructed and coached students to help overcome academic issues and personal challenges.

# **EDUCATION**

Doctor of Nursing Practice - Nursing Education

June 2020

Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, AZ

Research Project: Improving Acute Care Heart Failure Patient Education to Reduce Readmission Rates - A Direct Practice Improvement Project Presented in Partial Fulfillment of the Requirements for the Degree. Published Proquest LLC.

Master of Science - Nursing: Nursing

December 2008

Education University of Phoenix, Tempe, AZ

Bachelor of Science May 2005

Nursing Newman University, Wichita, KS

# **AFFILIATIONS**

Member: National League for Nursing
Sigma Theta Tau International
American Association of Critical Care Nurse