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Top Skills

Nursing Hospitals Healthcare

Certifications

Medical Assistant

Honors-Awards

Child/Adolescent Psychiatric Nursing Award

Torrence Ray, BSN, RN

Nurse Officer of the Day (NOD) at VA Hospital Metro Jacksonville

Summary

I am a registered nurse currently seeking a nursing position in a company where I can utilize my healthcare skills, training, and clinical education to their fullest capabilities toward my professional development as a registered nurse. I am a current member of the American Nurses Association and the Pennsylvania State Nurses Association.

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Experience

VA Hospital

3 years 10 months

Nurse Officer of the Day (NOD)
July 2017 - Present (3 years 2 months)

- Contacts representatives of departments not presently in the hospital for assistance with problem solving issues that arise during irregular hours, in a timely and appropriate manner
- Reports to Executive leadership any significant incidents and problems.
- Manages human, material, and financial resources effectively to improve overall patient outcomes and maintain continuity of function during off hours.
- Analyze schedules and be creative with staffing to minimize Overtime (OT) usage and be fiscally responsible.
- Serve as a resource to the NMs and the staff to solve clinical problems.
- Has in-depth knowledge of hospital policies and procedures, great communication skills, and the ability to be transparent with decisions to promote a fair and just environment.
- Implements action plans (as determined by Nursing/PCS) to assure performance measures are met to improve organizational performance.
- Assures a safe patient environment and immediately corrects deficiencies.
- Maintains working knowledge of the AFGE contract, and abides by the contract, laws, regulations, and Veterans Affairs (VA) Directives.

Intensive Care Nurse

November 2016 - Present (3 years 10 months)

- Provide prescribed medical treatment and personal care services to critically ill and injured veterans
- Duties include documenting observations, assessments, and changes in patient's condition; collaborating with health team members to facilitate positive patient care outcomes; providing a full range of nursing care to patients with a variety of physical and/or behavior problems; and accountable for meeting and maintaining the qualification standards and functional statements of assigned grade
- Assess, implements and evaluates care needed by assigned patients with a patient nurse ratio of 2:1
- Charge Nurse Duties
- Collaborate with patient/patient family and other members of the healthcare team to individualize patient care for optimum patient care
- Directs nursing support staff in the provision of patient care according to hospital policy and standards of nursing practice supervised a staff of 4 that includes RN's
- Lead evening safety huddles to ensure all nurses know what was occurring on the floor
- Coordinate with staffing office to identify staffing needs and determined patients care assignments in accordance with patient's requirements
- Titrate drips per MD order such as insulin drips, dopamine, dobutamine, levophed
- Assist physician with conscious sedation for bedside procedures
- Provide close observation for seriously ill patients by specialized nursing staff, at a level of care clearly separate from that achieved in the Intensive Care Units, until that time when appropriate medical and/or surgical management of the patient can be achieved on a medical-surgical nursing unit.
- Preceptor for new employees and student nurses
- Provide monitoring of patients with potential/actual arrhythmias
- Nurse staffing and methodology committee

Temple University Hospital (General Healthcare Resources) Registered Nurse

June 2015 - November 2016 (1 year 6 months)

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Registered Nurse- Critical Care Step Down Unit

· Assess patient's condition and provide dedicated care needed

- Devise and implements individualized patients care plans
- Observe vital signs and telemetry monitoring of patients and provide feedback to the healthcare team regarding and abnormal or adverse observations
- Collaborate with patient/patient family to individualize patient care for optimum patient outcome
- Assess and care for 4 trach/vented patients
- Assess and care for 3-4 heart failure patients pre/post cath, EP procedures and open heart surgery after they have been in ICU and are ready to be cared for in the step down unit
- Administer medication using the 6 rights
- Provide monitoring of patients with potential/actual arrhythmias
- · Float to other units as needed

Geisinger Medical Center Registered Nurse December 2013 - June 2015 (1 year 7 months)

Charge Nurse- Critical Care Step-Down Unit

- Assess, implements and evaluates care needed by assigned patients with a patient nurse ratio of 2:1
- Collaborate with patient/patient family and other members of the healthcare team to individualize patient care for optimum patient care
- Directs nursing support staff in the provision of patient care according to hospital policy and standards of nursing practice supervised a staff of 7 that includes RN's, LPN's and CNA's
- Coordinate with staffing office to identify staffing needs and determined patients care assignments in accordance with patients requirements
- Titrate drips per MD order such as insulin drips, dopamine, dobutamine, levophed
- Monitor and maintain V-Cath positioning while monitoring ICP
- Assist with conscious sedation for bedside procedures
- Provide close observation for seriously ill patients by specialized nursing staff, at a level of care clearly separate from that achieved in the Intensive Care Units, until that time when appropriate medical and/or surgical management of the patient can be achieved on a medical-surgical nursing unit.
- Provide specialized nursing care to the patient under the direction of the primary service physician and his/her designated staff. Coverage needs (orders, etc.) shall be met by the primary service (or their designee) at all hours.

• Provide monitoring of patients with potential/actual arrhythmias.

Abington Memorial Hospital

2 years 4 months

Telemetry Monitor Technician/ Clinical Associate October 2011 - December 2013 (2 years 3 months)

Worked as a clinical associate and a telemetry monitor tech/unit desk clerk. Took vital signs, accu checks and assistee nurses and patients as needed, reported abnormal findings. I also monitored 16 telemetry patients, interpretes and verifed rhythm strips. Notify nurse of any abnormal rhythms. Assigned spectra link phones to the nurses. Filled out the nursing assignment sheets, assigned patients to the nursing staff, placing those patients that needed extra care as close as possible to the nurses station.

Facilitated safety briefings,

Errands as needed

Student Nurse

September 2011 - May 2013 (1 year 9 months)

Willow Grove

Student nurse that worked under my clinical advisor to help patients with daily living activites, vital signs, assessments. administered medication by various routes, such as PO, IM, IV, documented and charted in Sunrise. Had clinical rotation at various such as Surgical Trauma unit, Telemetry, ER, Surgical Care, and OR at Abington Hospital, pediatric rotation at St. Christopher Hospital on their Med/Surg unit, CCU and OR.

Greater Philadelphia Health Action, Inc Certified Medical Assistant July 2009 - September 2011 (2 years 3 months)

Take and chart vital signs

Obtain blood and urine samples

Operate diagnostic and screening equipment

Prepare patients for medical examination and assist healthcare providers Work in Pediatrics, Internal/Family Medicine and OB/GYN

Administer adult and pediatric injections, medications, and tests under the direction of nursing

Dr. Dennis Eneaya Office Medical Assistant Intern January 2008 - September 2008 (9 months) Completed hours

Prioritized patient daily care according to acuity and scheduled patient procedures

Took vital signs, prep for procedures, and obtained specimens Performed Venipuncture

Careers Express Staffing Agency

King of Prussia, PA

Data Entry

November 2006 - May 2007 (7 months)

Outbound calling and computer data entry

Holy Redeemer

Data Entry Clerk

November 2005 - January 2006 (3 months)

Entered hospital discharges and other paperwork into the computer Filed, typed memos and letters, copied, distributed and circulate paperwork Billed insurance providers

Aramark Uniform Services Human Resources Administration Assistant

June 2004 - August 2004 (3 months)

Made schedules and meetings and flight arrangements

Generated monthly reports and employee flow charts

Reviewed qualified resumes of potential employees to give to hiring manager

Education

Chamberlain College of Nursing

Bachelor of Science (B.S.), RN-BSN · (2014 - 2016)

Abington Memorial Hospital Dixon School of Nursing

Diploma, Nursing · (2011 - 2013)

Community College of Philadelphia

Associate, Culture, Science and Technology (2008 - 2010)

Philadelphia Job Corps Life Science Institute

Certificate, Medical Assistant · (2007 - 2008)