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Top Skills

Patient Safety
Operating Room
Nursing

Certifications

BLS and ACLS

Kerri Washam

OR Travel Nurse- St Vincent Healthcare in Billings, MT
Piedmont, Oklahoma

Summary

I'm going on my 18th year as an RN with most of my experience as an OR nurse. Loving that I get to travel the US saving one life at a time!

Experience

St. Vincent Healthcare
OR Travel Nurse
February 2020 - Present (6 months)
Billings, Montana

Denver Health
OR Travel Nurse
February 2019 - Present (1 year 6 months)
Denver, Colorado

Fifth travel assignment at Denver Health, Level 1 trauma hospital. Mentor for the peri-op 101 program for new nurses to the OR. Received a Hero of the Heart award!

INTEGRIS BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER INC
OR Manager
May 2018 - February 2019 (10 months)
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

OU Medicine, Inc.
OR Travel Nurse
November 2017 - June 2018 (8 months)
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Fourth travel assignment at OUMC, Level 1 trauma hospital.

MidState Medical Center
OR Travel Nurse
August 2017 - November 2017 (4 months)
Meriden, Connecticut

Third travel assignment at Midstate Medical Center. I helped implement their new Spine Program.

Dell Children's Medical Center Foundation
Registered Nurse Operating Room
December 2016 - September 2017 (10 months)
Austin, Texas Area

United Hospital Ltd
OR Travel Nurse
May 2016 - December 2016 (8 months)
St Paul, Minnesota

Second travel assignment at United Hospital, the dedicated Stroke Hospital in the twin cities.

Comanche County Memorial Hospital
OR Travel Nurse
February 2016 - May 2016 (4 months)
Lawton, Oklahoma

My first travel assignment as an OR nurse at Comanche County Memorial Hospital. Specialties consisted of General, GYN, Ortho, Urology, and Neuro, which I joined their team consistently 2-3 days per week. I was a preceptor for student nurses, charge nurse when needed, and helped the Anesthesia, ER, and Surgery residents get acclimated to the OR. This was a great experience that I enjoyed as my first assignment.

McBride Orthopedic Hospital
Operating Room Nurse
September 2015 - February 2016 (6 months)
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

NCMC
Operating Room Nurse
March 2014 - July 2015 (1 year 5 months)
Cypress, Texas

Jack of all trades for this hospital in all Specialties...recently learned how to set up and operate the Davinci Robot for GYN and General cases.

This is a fast paced facility with high volumes of Ortho and Spine, General, ENT, Urology, GYN, CV, Neuro, and some Plastics.

Management is very supportive!

Hastings Law Firm P.C.
Medical Malpractice Nurse
January 2013 - March 2014 (1 year 3 months)
The Woodlands, TX

Texas Children's Hospital
4 years 3 months

NSQUIP Research Nurse
January 2012 - January 2013 (1 year 1 month)
Houston, Texas

I was the RN who started this program when TCH Surgical Outcomes opened as a new division of the hospital.

NSQIP (National Surgical Quality Improvement Program) was used for TCH to research and compare our surgical outcomes against 94 other pediatric hospitals throughout the U.S.

Each week I reviewed 35 different random cases of different specialties and entered the data into a program. This data went into a national database.

I attended weekly meetings for our group and attended many presentations our surgeons or guests presented.

I researched and completed the first QI project for NSQIP which was "wound class for laparoscopic appendectomies". I compared what the Circulating Nurse chose as the wound class and compared it to the Operative Report written by the surgeon.

I educated the Operating Room RNs more thoroughly about the importance of a correct wound class, which affected billing purposes, infection rates, length of stay, etc...

I was also published in an article as a co-author on one of the research papers written by a resident.

Operating Room Nurse
November 2008 - January 2012 (3 years 3 months)
Houston, Texas

This job taught me a lot about life. It taught me how to be a better mother, nurse, friend, co-worker, caregiver, advocate, etc...this job taught me to never take life for granted and to enjoy it. I worked with many sick children, some which were unable to be saved. Those are the ones who make you hug your own children a little tighter at night.

While working here I specialized in Orthopedics and Spine surgeries. I also circulated other specialties including Neuro, ENT, Urology, General, and Plastics.

- *Chair and Co-Chair of Policy and Procedure Committee
- *Charge Nurse from 10:30pm-7am on Thursday nights and some weekends
- *Acting Ortho Coordinator when needed
- *Preceptor for new nurses
- * received multiple STAR awards

Christus St Johns Hospital
 Operating Room Nurse
 July 2006 - May 2009 (2 years 11 months)
 Nassau Bay, TX

I circulated all specialties, but Orthopedics and Spine became my specialty.

- *Preceptor for new nurses
- *Acting Ortho coordinator when needed
- *Charge Nurse
- *Implemented Dr. Holt's shoulder scope program
- *Kept inventory of Ortho supplies and ordered products
- *On call responsibilities (worked tons of hours)
- *Cross trained in Endoscopy procedures

Education

University of Arkansas-Fort Smith
 Associate's degree, Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse · (2000 - 2002)

Northwestern Oklahoma State University
 Nursing pre-reqs, Pre-Nursing Studies · (1995 - 1998)