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MSN, RN, NRP

Experienced Registered Nurse with a well-rounded skill set and a demonstrated history of working in higher education, the hospital setting, and the health care industry. Skilled in Nursing Management, Nursing Education, Medical-Surgical Nursing, Emergency Medicine, Critical Care, Home Health, and Palliative Care. Strong education professional with a Master of Science in Nursing.

Director of Student Learning

Collaborator

Role Model

Excellent Communication Skills

Compassionate

WORK EXPERIENCE

Nursing Faculty

University of South Carolina - Salkehatchie and Beaufort

2021 - Present,

Walterboro, South Carolina

Tasks

- Provide didactic and clinical instruction for undergraduate nursing courses.
- Provide students with opportunities to acquire the knowledge and practice the skills identified in course objectives using varied and appropriate teaching methods.
- Plan learning activities to meet program outcomes based on the standards set by policies, legal and other regulatory requirements, and acceptable practices.
- Collaborates with nursing faculty to develop simulation scenarios to promote student learning, critical thinking, and clinical decision-making.
- Coordinates and supervises students to ensure that lab experiences meet course objectives.

Paramedic Crew Chief, Part-Time

County of Orangeburg

2002 - Present,

Orangeburg, South

Carolina

Tasks

- Determines the best order of treatment for multiple patients by quickly assessing scene conditions and injury levels. Stabilize patients for transport by administering treatments at locations such as accident sites.
- Completes critical treatments, diagnostic assessments, and monitoring during ambulance transportation. Administers oral and intravenous medications to treat patient conditions.
- Manages diverse patient needs before hospital treatment, including keeping airways open and controlling bleeding.

Emergency Department Registered Nurse, Per Diem / Critical Care Interim Director

Regional Medical Center

2013 - 2021,

Orangeburg, South

Carolina

Tasks

- Stabilized critically ill and injured patients with life-saving measures.
- Prioritized care by triaging incoming patients to determine the severity of concerns.
- Advocated for patient needs in time-sensitive emergencies.
- Kept proficient in emergency response procedures as a key member of code, stroke, and rapid response teams.
- Coordinated effective interdepartmental collaboration through open communication between medical staff.
- Achieved program goals by effectively motivating and supervising medical, technical, and clerical staff.
- Accomplished financial targets through sound administration of fiscal operations.
- Collaborated with team members to meet daily demands and handle challenging projects.
- Coordinated top-notch care for acute and chronic concerns based on established nursing practice standards, closely collaborating with the interdisciplinary team to manage complex conditions.
- Minimized patient wait times and patient load, streamlining throughput to decrease the time between admissions and floor placement.

Associates Degree Nursing and Emergency Medical Technician Program Coordinator

Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College

2017 - 2020,

Carolina

Orangeburg, South

Tasks

- Delivered class content in both didactic coursework and clinical setting to ensure lessons in professional responsibility and patient advocacy.
- Provided instruction in online and traditional didactic, laboratory, and clinical settings.
- Prepared students for patient care with comprehensive classroom, laboratory, and hands-on clinical education.
- Developed, reviewed, and revised current and practical curricula within the department. Worked effectively with a diverse team to accomplish daily objectives and meet long-term goals.

Hospice Patient Care Coordinator

Grove Park Hospice

2011 - 2013,

Carolina

Orangeburg, South

Tasks

- Coordinated effective interdepartmental collaboration through open communication between medical staff.
- Maintained knowledgeable and skilled staff, recruiting top candidates, and overseeing continuous training initiatives.
- Facilitated open communication between patients and the healthcare team, discussing aspects such as medications and terminal illness care to improve understanding.
- Delivered comprehensive support for the physical, emotional, and psychosocial needs of each patient.
- Supported staff with tools and leadership required to successfully care for patients.

Home Health Clinical Manager

Amedisys Home Health

2006 - 2011,

Carolina

Orangeburg, South

Tasks

- Served customers by going above and beyond to offer exceptional support for all needs. Helped team handle high-volume work by prioritizing tasks and organizing supplies.
- Organized and coordinated work for all team members.
- Enhanced patient outcomes through careful monitoring of conditions and comprehensive support.
- Contributed to team efficiency, optimal patient flow, and accuracy in treatments by maintaining accurate and detailed reports and records. Modified patients' treatment plans as indicated by patients' responses and new physician orders.
- Managed efficient and successful transitions from care facilities to step-down environments and at-home care.

Nursing Director

County of Orangeburg

2004 - 2006,

Carolina

Orangeburg, South

Tasks

- Developed nursing staff using various training, monitoring, and performance improvement initiatives.
- Managed population-appropriate patient care based on daily needs assessments.
- Covered unit requirements by setting schedules and delegating assignments to qualified staff.
- Optimized care with evidence-based standards, adapting established structures to account for changing legal demands and patient demographics.
- Enhanced patient outcomes through careful monitoring of conditions and comprehensive support.
- Stabilized patients during emergencies with first aid and life support care.

Emergency Department Registered Nurse

Tuomey Healthcare System

2004,

Carolina

Tasks

- Maintained optimal patient status with rapid assessment and treatment of critical concerns.
- Handled the needs of multiple patients by delegating assignments and monitoring the work of assistants.
- Enhanced short and long-term outcomes by educating patients and families on medical concerns and care requirements.
- Protected patients with careful monitoring and regular observations, documenting conditions, and addressing concerns quickly.
- Stabilized critically ill and injured patients with life-saving measures.
- Planned and optimized patient care with skilled use of established nursing processes.
- Advocated for patient needs in time-sensitive emergencies.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Capella University

2022 - Current

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Master of Science in Nursing

University of Phoenix

2014 - 2016

Phoenix, Arizona

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

University of Phoenix

2009 - 2011

Phoenix, Arizona

Associate Degree Nursing

Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College

2001 - 2004

Carolina

Orangeburg, South

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fundamentals of Nursing

Tasks

- o Educated first-semester nursing students on the development of beginning technical competencies in the application of the nursing process to assist in meeting the needs of selected patients of varying ages.

Common Health Problems

Tasks

- o Facilitated the utilization of the nursing process to assist in meeting the needs of patients with common health problems in a medical-surgical learning environment in the classroom and clinical setting.

Pharmacological Therapies

Tasks

- o Coordinated and facilitated classroom education on the advanced study of the role of the nurse in the safe and effective administration of medications.

Intravenous Therapy

Tasks

- o Coordinated and facilitated the principles and practices of intravenous therapy in the classroom and lab setting. An emphasis was placed on venipuncture techniques, complications, fluid balance, and the responsibilities of a licensed nurse.

Complex Health Problems

Tasks

- o Coordinated and facilitated in the classroom and clinical setting the expanded application of the nursing process in meeting the needs of patients with complex health problems.

Nursing Care of Children

Tasks

- o Facilitated the application of the nursing process to assist in meeting the needs of children with acute and chronic health problems while focusing on growth and development and anticipatory guidance.

Management of Patient Care

Tasks

- o Coordinated and facilitated in the classroom and clinical setting, nursing care of small groups of patients utilizing the nursing process and concepts of management.

Nursing Seminar

Tasks

- o Coordinated and facilitated the exploration of concepts related to selected nursing topics.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Responsible work experience in health care administration as Interim ICU Director, financial analysis, budgeting, reimbursement, accounting, and chart auditing.
- Knowledge of operational principles, business processes, policies, practices, technology, and regulations. Extensive knowledge of clinical and operational decision-support information systems.
- The ability to collaborate with appropriate departments/services, staff members, and physicians when appropriate.
- Participates in Process Improvement teams as needed.
- Assists in the development of infection control-related policies, procedures, and educational programs to comply with local, state, and federal regulations, the Joint Commission standards, and guidelines and distributes pertinent information as appropriate.
- Actively participates in the role of preceptor for student nurses, nurse interns, and graduate and experienced nurses and assists with the development of new preceptors in their role.
- Mentors serve as role models for staff who are seeking continuous learning through formal education and the development of others.
- Serves as a leader supporting hospital administration by identifying and resolving patient and staff-focused opportunities for improvement.
- Involves staff and key stakeholders to achieve optimal patient experience and efficient hospital throughput.
- Uses appropriate interpersonal styles and techniques to gain acceptance of ideas or plans; modifying one's behavior to accommodate tasks, situations and individuals involved
- Demonstrates good judgment and analytical ability to oversee and coordinate patient placement through the facilitation of the admission, transfer, and discharge process and collaborate with the physician and health care team that is involved.
- Uses critical thinking skills to effectively advise and direct health care providers in their delivery of patient care while maximizing the efficient use of resources

PROFESSIONAL PROJECTS

Rapid Improvement Event (2015)

- Rapid Improvement Event for contaminated blood culture specimens obtained in the emergency department.

Standard Process of Obtaining Blood Cultures (2015 - 2016)

- Intense education was presented to the emergency department and critical care nursing staff.

Inpatient Sepsis Education (2015 - 2016)

- Intense education was provided to hospital-wide nursing staff related to the septic patient.

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing College Committee (2018 - 2019)

- Participated in the review and revision of Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College's Standards and Criteria to ensure that the Standards and Criteria remained current with the Accreditation Commission of Education in Nursing accreditation standards.

HONOR AWARDS

Employee of the Month (02/2016)

Regional Medical Center

Exemplary Performance and Outstanding Contributions

Firefighter of the Year (2001)

Eutawville Fire Department

College Tuition Scholarship (2001 - 2004)

Cox Industries, Inc.

Honor Society of Nursing (2010)

Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing

- Omicron Delta Chapter

CERTIFICATES

- Registered Nurse - State of South Carolina
- Paramedic - State of South Carolina
- National Registered Paramedic
- Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers (BLS) – Instructor
- Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) - Instructor
- Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) - Instructor
- Medical First Responder - Instructor
- Basic First Aid - Instructor
- Stop the Bleed - Instructor
- Trauma Nurse Core Course
- Pre-hospital Trauma Life Support Certification
- Pediatric Education for Pre-hospital Professional
- National Institute of Health Stroke Scale
- Certification International Trauma Life Support

- Certification Advanced Burn Life Support

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Firefighter

Orangeburg County Fire District

1999 – Present

Orangeburg County

Rescue Technician

Orangeburg County Emergency Operations

2016 – Present

Orangeburg County

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member

Alpha Alpha Omicron Chapter of Sigma

2010 - Present