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Work

experience 09/2011 – 04/2013 University of Cincinnati Cincinnati, Ohio

Graduate Assistant

Assistant to faculty members to further teaching and research.

- Teaching responsibilities in Nursing Skills and Simulation Lab with sophomore nursing students, and grading duties in a graduate distance-learning course.
- Research responsibilities included literature searches and reviews, organization and synthesis of literature for article and grant submissions, and helping to organize and increase the utilization of the Nursing Skills and Simulation Lab.

08/2009 – 08/2011 Xavier University Cincinnati, Ohio

Adjunct Clinical Faculty

Faculty member in Adult Transitions Course, undergraduate and graduate. Clinical sites medical-surgical renal floor, short-stay rehabilitation, and ICU.

- Oversee six students in the nursing care of medically complex patients with multiple co-morbidities.
- Ensure accurate charting of nursing care on Meditech computer system.
- Facilitate interpersonal communication between nursing students with staff and patients.

06/2004 – 09/2011 The Christ Hospital Cincinnati, Ohio

Registered Nurse

Staff member of the Surgical Intensive Care Unit. Manage the care of complex medical and surgical patients in an intensive care setting in a teaching hospital. Usual assignment is two patients.

- Ability to multi-task: manage numerous, competing priorities to provide superior patient care.
- Excellent time management: Assess and prioritize patient care according to acuity and ensure lab work and other diagnostic tests done in timely manner.
- Interpersonal and communication skills: Collaborate with physicians and other departments to manage patient care. Educate patients and families regarding illness.
- Documentation: Management and updating of patient medical records to include patient history, assessments, medication administration, adverse reactions, procedures, and chart review.
- Protocol implementation: Extensive experience initiating, administering, and discontinuing therapy for standardized protocols, including insulin, sedation, nutrition, and postoperative monitoring.
- Clinical trials: Monitoring and documentation of progress of kidney transplant patients participating in immunosuppressant drug studies.

03/2004 – 06/2004 The Christ Hospital Cincinnati, Ohio

Registered Nurse

Attended the Critical Care Internship Program, a program for nurses with less than one year of experience to prepare them for success in a critical care setting.

09/2003- 02/2004 The Christ Hospital Cincinnati, Ohio

Registered Nurse

Managed the care of medical and oncology patients on oncology floor with average assignment of six patients.

- Documentation: Managed and updated charts of 6-7 patients a shift, to include assessments, medication administration, and chart review.
- Protocol implementation: Administered therapy or monitored progress for protocols to include pain management, chemotherapy, and insulin.

Education

09/2011- 4/2014

PhD

University of Cincinnati

Cincinnati, Ohio

08/2008 – 12/2010

Xavier University

Cincinnati, Ohio

MSN

- MSN in Nursing Education

06/2002 – 08/2003

University of Cincinnati

Cincinnati, Ohio

Accelerated BSN

09/1999 – 03/2002

University of Cincinnati

Cincinnati, Ohio

B.S. Biology

Affiliations

Memberships

- American Association of Critical-Care Nurses
- Sigma Theta Tau International
- Midwest Nursing Research Society

Positions

- Secretary, College of Nursing Graduate Student Association

Awards

Midwest Nursing Research Society/National League for Nursing Doctoral

Dissertation Completion Award

2013, NLN Education Summit, Washington, DC

Poster

Research Abstracts 2013, AANA Foundation

A Comparison of Outcomes Between Epidural Catheter Replacement and Intrathecal Catheter Placement in Obstetrical Patients Following Accidental Dural Puncture

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