

**REGISTERED NURSE***“Offering to expand patient management and ensure top-quality healthcare practices”*

Accountable, empathetic, and passionate professional registered nurse with 13 years of experience providing comprehensive medical care in a variety of specialties: endoscopy, surgical, long term care, psychiatric, and home health. Clear awareness of diverse backgrounds, alert to widely varied patient needs and circumstances. Vast experience interfacing with healthcare professionals to ensure optimum case management via strengths in:

- Direct Patient Care
- Physical Assessment
- Care Plan Development
- Conscious Sedation
- Pre/Post Operative Care
- Admissions/Discharges
- Patient Advocate
- Supervision and Training
- Medication Administration

**EDUCATION**

<b>Ventilator Training</b>	2004
<i>Fox Medical/Memorial Hospital, Belleville, IL</i>	
<b>ERCP Workshop (Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatography)</b>	2000
<i>Indiana University School of Medicine, IN</i>	
<b>Associate of Applied Science of Nursing</b>	1995
<i>University of Cincinnati, OH</i>	
Cum Laude Graduate	
Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society	

**PROFESSIONAL NURSING EXPERIENCE**

<b>Substitute School Nurse</b>	2008–Present
<i>Waterloo School District, IL</i>	
Substitute school nurse providing medical attention to injuries, acute illnesses, minor traumas and first aid care. Challenged to ensure students well-being by promoting health education and wellness programs.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assess and record illnesses, symptoms, administer medications, reactions, and monitor progress in students.</li> <li>• Quickly respond to emergencies providing first aid care to injured students.</li> <li>• Establish relationships with the Interdisciplinary Group - students, family members, teachers, principals and physicians.</li> </ul>	
<b>Procedure Nurse</b>	1997–2002
<i>Bethesda North Endoscopy, Cincinnati, OH</i>	
Assisted Gastroenterologists, Cardiologists, Pulmonologists, and Surgeons with procedures; Endoscopies, ERCP's, EGD's, Colonoscopies, TEE's, Peg Tube Placements, Stent Placements, and Bronchoscopies. Administered sedations, monitored patients vital signs, oxygen saturation, telemetry, and reported any complications.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administered conscious sedation.</li> <li>• Performed removal of polyps, biopsied tumors and ulcerations; cauterized esophageal varicies, ulcerations and bleeding.</li> <li>• Completed Recovery Room cross-training to monitor post-procedure complications, telemetry, vitals, pain management and complete patient discharge.</li> <li>• Cross-trained for Pre-Procedure area; assessed patients, obtained medical history and consent forms, started I.V.'s, checked vitals, explained procedures and complications.</li> <li>• Participated in on-call rotation with doctors for emergency procedures.</li> </ul>	
<b>Staff Nurse/Charge Nurse</b>	1996–1997
<i>Mercy Hospital, Fairfield, OH</i>	
Fulfilled role of charge nurse while supervising 6 RN's, 2 LPN's, and 2 CNA's for the Medical/Surgical-Wing consisting of Orthopedics, Pediatrics, and general surgeries.	

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**PROFESSIONAL NURSING EXPERIENCE CONT.**

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**Staff Nurse/Charge Nurse**

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*Mercy Hospital, Fairfield, OH*

1996–1997

- Promoted from staff nurse to charge nurse.
- Educated patients and family members of health care needs upon admission and discharge.
- Implemented nursing services; inserting Foley catheters, NG tubes, gastric suctioning, IV pumps, PCA pumps, CPM machines, and AccuCheck.
- Delivered post-surgical wound care; cleaned incisions, checked for infections, changed surgical dressings, and removed stitches and staples.
- Managed chest tubes, tracheostomy care and blood transfusions.
- Administered medications; orally, intravenously, intramuscular, intradermal, and subcutaneously.

**Charge Nurse***Bethesda Scarlet Oaks, Cincinnati, OH*

1995–1996

Appointed evening charge nurse to manage 40 bed medical/surgical skilled care unit, psychiatric, and private medical residents while supervising 4 RN's and 6 CNA's.

- Reported to Director of Nursing on facility operations and staffing concerns.
- Handled resident's admissions, transfers, and discharges.
- Assisted doctors with rounds and communicated with physicians of residents change in condition.
- Performed monthly, quarterly and annual physical assessments.
- Cross-trained for the Community Health Division covering independent apartment residents.
- Assigned to conduct TB testing for employees and facility.

**Clinical Assistant/Home Health Tech***Maple Knoll, Cincinnati, OH*

1994–1995

Worked under supervision of RN to maintain personal wellness promoting fellowship and personal growth for an elite retirement assisted living community while completing nursing degree.

- Maintained accurate records for 250 residents.
- Monitored resident's health matters; checked vital signs and scheduled routine check-ups.
- Responded to numerous emergencies ranging from falls to strokes.
- Assisted residents with bathing, ambulation and medication.

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**VOLUNTEER**

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**Illinois Representative, Crest Care, Inc**

2006–Present

*Monroe County, IL*

Manage application approval for adoptions, conduct home visits, transport surrendered dogs in-need, and provide foster care.

**Teacher Assistant**

2005–Present

*Park View Elementary, Columbia, IL*

Provide assistance in the arts, science and reading centers; creating fun educational projects such as puzzles, logical games, and reading challenges. Help administrate classroom activities and chaperone field trips.

**Estate Manager**

2004–2005

*Columbia, IL*

Managed the distribution and disposal of family inheritance/estate. Negotiated with realtors, briefed legal representatives, and evaluated investment options with financial experts for funds to flourish under asset growth.

**Home Health Care Giver**

2002–2004

*Columbia, IL*

Coordinated all disciplinary areas for home health care and provided direct daily care for ill parent.