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PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Master of Science in Nursing Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA <ul style="list-style-type: none">GPA: 3.9/4.0Major Concentration: Nurse Administrator	December 1998
Bachelor of Science in Nursing Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA <ul style="list-style-type: none">GPA: 3.9/4.0	August 1995
Associate Degree in Nursing College of Southern Maryland, La Plata, MD <ul style="list-style-type: none">GPA: 3.4/4.0	May 1993
Certificate in Practical Nursing College of Southern Maryland, La Plata, MD <ul style="list-style-type: none">GPA: 3.6/4.0	August 1992

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Nurses Association, ANA	August 2017 - Present
Florida Nurses Association, FNA	August 2017 - Present
American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants, AALNC	June 2017 - Present
AALNC-Tampa Bay Chapter, TBAALNC	July 2017 – Present
Secretary, TBAALNC	January 2019 - Present
Association for Vascular Access, AVA	January 2016 – January 2017

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES

Certificate in Legal Nurse Consulting; A Certified Legal Nurse Consultant (ACLNC) Transition to Legal Nurse Consultant, Lutz, FL	October 2017
Certificate in Vascular Access Device Selection, Care and Maintenance, Insertion using Micro Introduction and Ultrasound Bard Access Systems, Tampa, FL	August 2015
Certificate in PICC Tip Conformation using Sherlock 3CG Tip Confirmation System Bard Access Systems, Tampa, FL	March 2015
Certificate in PICC Tip Confirmation using the Sapiens Tip Confirmation System Bard Access Systems, Tampa, FL	September 2013

Certificate in Ultrasound Training for PICCs PICC Excellence, INC, Tampa, FL	September 2011
Certificate in Critical Care Nursing Sentara Health Systems, Norfolk, VA	April 2002
Certificate in Advanced Electrocardiography Sentara Health Systems, Norfolk, VA	February 2002
Certificate in Basic Electrocardiography Sentara Health Systems, Norfolk, VA	October 1995
Certificate in Geriatric Nursing Aide Bayside Nursing Center, Lexington Park, MD	October 1990

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

RN, Vascular Access Nurse November 2017 - February 2018
Institute of Nursing Excellence, Tampa, FL

- Inserted and assessed peripheral vascular access catheters in adherence to the standards of practice as set forth by the INS, AVA and CDC
- Provided education to staff, patients and family members regarding vascular access and central line care
- Documented procedure according to policies

RN, Vascular Access Nurse October 2017 - December 2017
Loving Life Today, LLC, Tampa, FL

- Inserted and assessed peripheral vascular access catheters in adherence to the standards of practice as set forth by the INS, AVA and CDC
- Administered medications as ordered
- Provided education to staff, clients and family members

LNC, Independent Legal Nurse Consultant July 2017 - Present
The Shark Legal Nurse Consulting, LLC, Tampa, FL

- Identify and obtain missing records and other tangible items
- Review and analyze medical records
- Identify standards of care and deviations from or adherence to those standards
- Provide professional opinion regarding causation, contributing factors and damages
- Locate and interview expert witnesses
- Summarize medical records and/or create medical chronologies and time lines
- Research pertinent information and acquire articles to support case
- Review and summarize depositions

LNC, Legal Nurse Consultant Mentee July 2017 - October 2017
Mentorship with Mary Salka, BSN, RN, LNCC, Lutz, FL

- Reviewed and analyzed medical records
- Identified standards of care and deviations from or adherence to those standards

- Located and interviewed expert witnesses
- Organized and summarized medical records, and created indexes
- Created medical chronologies
- Researched pertinent information and acquired articles to support case
- Reviewed and summarized depositions

RN, Vascular Access Nurse

October 2014 - May 2017

AccessRN, Tampa, FL

- Inserted and assessed peripheral vascular access catheters including IVs, Midlines and PICC lines in adherence to the standards of practice as set forth by the INS, AVA and CDC
- Educated staff, patients and family members on vascular access and central line care
- Established and maintained professional relationships with customers

RN, Vascular Access Nurse

January 2014 - May 2015

Institute of Nursing Excellence, Tampa, FL

- Inserted and assessed peripheral vascular access catheters in adherence to the standards of practice as set forth by the INS, AVA and CDC
- Provided education to staff, patients and family members regarding vascular access and central line care
- Documented procedure according to policies

RN, Interventional Radiology and Cardiac Cath Lab

September 2011 - September 2013

Tampa Community Hospital, Tampa, FL

- Assessed, evaluated and treated clinically unstable patients who required rapid, knowledgeable intervention
- Provided compassionate, quality care to patients before, during and after interventional radiology or cardiovascular procedures
- Maintained inventory and records of medical supplies and equipment

RN, Emergency Department Charge Nurse

November 2009 - September 2011

Tampa Community Hospital, Tampa, FL

- Supervised department to ensure appropriate prioritizing of clinical tasks and highest standard of care was implemented
- Provided education to staff, patients and family members in appropriate terms to ensure comprehension of the material
- Served on the quality assurance committee to review deviations in standards of care within the emergency department

RN, Travel Nurse, ER and Critical Care

April 2005 - November 2009

Various Staffing Agencies, Multiple States, USA

- Successfully assessed, evaluated and treated clinically unstable patients who required rapid, knowledgeable intervention

- Collaborated with medical support team and prioritized clinical tasks
- Interpreted and communicated lab reports to physicians for taking next step in treatment

RN, Resource Pool and Critical Care Staff Nurse

November 1993 - July 2005

Sentara Health Systems, Hampton Roads, VA

- Provided nursing care to patients with a variety of illnesses and needs
- Interviewed patients and documented medical history
- Studied patient's records and utilized strong assessment skills to deliver appropriate care
- Evaluated treatment offered and recommended changes to physicians
- Member of ICU Committee, interdisciplinary peer review committee overseeing unit

LPN, Long Term Care Practical Nurse

June 1993 - November 1993

Lynn Shores Manor, Virginia Beach, VA

- Documented and maintained resident's medical history and treatment data
- Provided direct care in accordance to treatment plan
- Communicated effectively with resident's, family members, co-workers and physicians

LPN, Long Term Care Practical Nurse

November 1992 - May 1993

St. Mary's Nursing Center, Leonardtown, MD

- Assessed resident's nursing needs and responded to these needs efficiently
- Maintained and adhered to facility's policies
- Communicated clearly with residents, family members, co-workers and physicians

Geriatric Nursing Assistant, Nursing Home Assistant

July 1990 - May 1991

Bayside Nursing Center, Lexington Park, MD

- Assisted residents in daily activities of living
- Maintained a clean and safe living environment
- Performed and recorded vital signs