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AREAS OF EXPERTISE:

Analysis of medical records; prepare chronologies and case summaries; medical research; prepare summaries of witness and expert depositions.

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS:

Registered Nurse 2012 – Present

EDUCATION:

Cox College Associate of Science of Nursing – 2012

Springfield, Missouri

Community College of the Air Force Associate in Allied Health – 2010

Montgomery, Alabama

University of Arkansas Grantham Bachelor of Science in Nursing (currently enrolled)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Vocational Diagnostics, Inc.

Phoenix, Arizona Legal Nurse Consultant 12/21 – Present

As a legal nurse consultant, I perform analysis of medical records; prepare chronologies and case summaries; medical research; prepare summaries of witness and expert depositions; delegate / prioritize work assignments; assist with streamlining processes and work product. Our firm is plaintiff and defense oriented.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (Cont'd.):

Mercy Hospital

Manager of Patient Logistics

07/20 - 12/21

Springfield, Missouri

Regional Manager over patient flow departments including: Patient Placement, Staffing, Transfer Center, and House Supervisors. Oversees budgeting/productivity, House capacity plan management, management of standard work, patient prioritization matrix, orientation/onboarding processes, throughput monitoring including length of stay (LOS).

Mercy Hospital

House Supervisor (PRN)

05/19 - 07/20

Springfield, Missouri

House Supervisor duties include allocation of staff, allocation of patients, assisting with emergency situations (rapid response, code blues, falls), covering leadership tasks/responsibilities (coworker conflicts/issues, patient complaints/issues), liaison between senior leadership and floor staff, communicate with other hospital HS regarding flow/divert status, and assist with the overall flow of the hospital.

Mercy Hospital

7D Clinical Observation Unit

10/17 - 07/20

Springfield, Missouri

Clinical Supervisor for the Clinical Observation Unit where ER patients are kept for observation pending test results. Discharge or inpatient status facilitated with the goal of discharge at 17hours. Worked with UM on appropriate use/guidelines for observation status. Fast-paced environment. Duties include patient care, daily/monthly audits, finalizing staff schedules, managing, code cart management, and staffing/productivity management, attendance monitoring, corrective action, interviewing applicants, precepting new hires, supply management, and assisting in the overall flow of the unit.

Oxford Home Health Springfield, Missouri

Registered Nurse

11/16 - 07/17

Duties include driving to/from patient homes to complete hospital discharge information, medication list reconciliation, medication instructions, wound care management, and blood draws.

Travel Emergency Room Nurse

01/15 - 11/16

- DePaul Hospital in Bridgeton, MO
- Mountain West Medical Center in Tooele, UT
- St. Mark's in Salt Lake City, UT
- Phelps County in Rolla, MO

Mercy Emergency Trauma Center

Registered Nurse

04/13 - 05/15

Springfield, MO

Level I Trauma Center. Roughly 95,000 ER visits a year. Experience with precepting new hires, triage, zone captain, STEMI, stroke, respiratory/airway compromise, cardiac arrest, minor and major trauma, psychiatric, sedations, and assisting providers at bedside with procedures.

Mercy Burn Unit Springfield, MO Registered Nurse (PRN)

02/14 - 03/15

Care for critically ill and stable burn patients from admission to discharge across the age spectrum with various acuities. Assess and manage wounds appropriately; debridement, topical medications, bandages as ordered, and assist providers with bedside procedures.

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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS (Past and Present):

- American Heart Association ACLS Certification (Present)
- American Heart Association BLS Certification (Present)