**Vanessa Grauds, PA-S**

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**Professional Summary**

Highly motivated recent physician assistant graduate with a profound passion for surgery. Skilled in conducting thorough patient evaluations, interpreting diagnostic tests, and collaborating in high-pressure situations through extensive clinical rotations. Solid foundation in surgical first and second assist, showcasing adaptability across various specialties while maintaining composure and attention to detail during surgeries. Committed to staying updated on evolving surgical techniques. Eager to learn and contribute acquired skills, including diagnostic acumen, patient care coordination, and surgical assistance, to a dynamic surgical team.

**Education**

**Drexel University, Master in Physician Assistant Studies, *Philadelphia PA***

*Expected Graduation: December 2023, GPA: 3.87*

*PANCE Date: January 11, 2023*

**University of South Carolina, Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science, *Columbia, SC,*** GPA: 3.87

**Related Experience**

**Surgery Clinical Rotation - Capital Health Trauma Surgery, *Trenton, NJ*** 02/13/23-03/17/23

* First and second assist in procedures such as tracheostomies, ORIF, wound debridements, peg tube placements/removals, exploratory laparotomies, bowel resections, hernia repairs, appendectomies, bronchoscopies, chest tube insertions/removals, cholecystectomies, fasciotomies, stab wounds, gunshot wounds.
* Conducted preoperative and postoperative assessments. Performed and closely observed clinical skills such as wound closure via suture/staples, wound packing, catheterization, and changing wound vacs.
* Closed 20+ cases maintaining composure and attention to detail during surgeries.
* Participated in daily rounds on admitted and observational status patients, performed H&P’s on new admits, provided thorough patient education on test results and diagnoses, and assisted in efficient discharge of patients.

**Prisma Health USC Orthopedic Surgery Care Team Member, *Columbia, SC*** 05/2019-05/2021

* Utilized strong clinical skills in assessing vital signs, removing sutures and staples, scribing using Athena, changing wound dressings, administering injections, ordering lab work/prescriptions, scheduling surgeries, and performing insurance prior authorizations

**PA Clinical Rotations**

**Pediatrics - St. Christopher’s Emergency Department, *Philadelphia PA*** 09/19/22-10/20/22

* Collaborated with healthcare professionals to conduct rapid and accurate pediatric assessments to determine the urgency of care in a fast-paced emergency room setting.
* Developed skills in utilizing pediatric assessment tools and triage protocols. Managed common pediatric illnesses and provided guidance to parents.

**OBGYN - Garden Grove Hospital, *Garden Grove CA*** 10/24/22-11/25/22

* Developed skills in conducting pelvic examinations, pap smears, obtaining cultures, colposcopies, endometrial biopsies, and other routine gynecological screenings.
* Gained hands-on experience in performing and interpreting obstetric and gynecologic ultrasound examinations. Assisted in assessing fetal anatomy and growth, contributing to accurate diagnosis and care planning. Managed family planning, and contraception, and provided prenatal care.

**Behavioral Health - Med Star Good Samaritan Hospital, *Baltimore MD*** 01/09/23-02/09/23

* Conducted thorough psychiatric assessments to evaluate patients' mental health status and formulate treatment plans utilizing standardized assessment tools and diagnostic criteria from the DSM-5.
* Developed skills in crisis intervention techniques for patients experiencing acute psychiatric crises, including those at risk of self-harm or harm to others. Assisted in medication management for psychiatric patients, including administration and monitoring of psychotropic medications.

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**Internal Medicine - Chestnut Hill Hospital, *Philadelphia PA*** 04/03/23-05/04/23

* Proficient in performing and assisting in various medical procedures such as central line placement, arterial line insertion, and ABGs. Ensured adherence to aseptic techniques and patient safety protocols.
* Responded to medical emergencies, demonstrating competence in advanced cardiac life support (ACLS) and rapid response protocols. Managed the care of hospitalized patients, including coordination of diagnostic tests, consultations, and therapeutic interventions.

**Emergency Medicine/Primary Care II - Nazareth ER, *Philadelphia PA*** 05/08/23-06/09/23 and 09/25/23-12/08/23

* Developed skills and knowledge through 15 weeks of experience in emergency assessment and triage, critical care and resuscitation (ACLS, PALS), and trauma management working with a handful of physicians and APPs.
* Developed procedural skills: suturing of 50+ lacerations, wound closure via stapling, I&D of abscesses and cysts with packing, dozens of digital blocks, IV placement, wound care, IM injections, casting/splinting, ordering and interpreting diagnostic tests such as blood work, xrays, EKGs, performing point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS).

**Primary Care I - Complete Physician Services, *Philadelphia PA*** 06/26/23-09/01/23

* Managed chronic medical conditions, such as diabetes, hypertension, COPD, and asthma. Implemented individualized treatment plans to optimize patient outcomes and ensured patients receive appropriate routine screenings.
* Performed and interpreted EKGs, PFTs, ABIs, visual screening, and audiometry screening.

**Skills**

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| * EMR/EHR   + Epic   + Athena   + Cerner   + Quanum * Point-of-care testing * Phlebotomy/IV placement * Administration of medications * Casting and splinting | * Incision and drainage * Suture/Staple placement and removal * Pelvic exams * ABG * Foley catheter insertion * Audiometry screening * Visual screening * Preoperative and postoperative patient care | * Ordering and interpreting diagnostic tests such as blood work, xrays, EKGs * Formulating differential diagnoses based on clinical findings * Wound assessment and management. * Proficient in Microsoft Word and Excel |

**Leadership and Volunteer Experience**

Patient Care Volunteer, Wellspring Family Medicine - *Columbia, SC*  02/2019-03/2019

Personal Touch Volunteer, Prisma Health– *Columbia, SC*  10/2018-12/2018

Research in APLUS, Research Assistant at USC– *Columbia, SC* 09/2018- 05/2019

South Carolina Football Nutrition, *Columbia, SC*  01/2018- 05/2018

**Memberships and Certifications**

American Society of Addiction Medicine MAT Certification - April 2022

AHA Basic Life Skills (CPR and AED) - April 2023

American Association of Surgical Physician Assistants (AASPA)

American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA): PA Student Member