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# **Experience**

### **Assistant Nurse Manager, Patient Care Services - RN**

October 2021 - Present

Sentara Healthcare

- Share the 24/7 responsibility of daily operations with the clinical manager.
- Supervise patient care services staff to ensure patient safety.
- Assist manager in the development and monitoring of the departmental budget.
- Coordinate the purchasing and payroll processes.
- Serve as a technical/clinical resource to team members.
- Assists manager with interviewing, hiring, developing, and retaining staff members.
- Perform clinical audits on vasoactive drip titration, restraint documentation, pain documentation, stroke documentation, foley documentation, and central line documentation and counsel bedside staff as needed.

### **RN Unit Supervisor - ICU**

March 2021 - October 2021

Sentara Healthcare

- Provided clinical leadership for the delivery of nursing care in a 24 bed Intensive Care Unit.
- Lead safety and quality initiatives.
- Functioned as the permanent charge RN for scheduled shifts.
- Focused on and simplify workflow though the unit.
- Managed unit bed flow and throughput.
- Functioned as a clinical resource for bedside staff.
- Handled customer service issues.
- Collaborated with patient care supervisor and unit coordinators for other units.

#### **Registered Nurse II - Intensive Care Unit**

June 2019 - March 2021

Sentara Healthcare

- Evaluated case histories and collected data to devise individual treatment plans for patients within the unit
- Established patient goals to decrease length of stay.
- Administered safe, effective nursing care utilizing the nursing process.
- Transduced arterial lines, central lines, pulmonary artery catheters and provide continuous monitoring of hemodynamics.
- Assessed and maintained chest tubes and chest tube output.
- Administered medications and titrate medication drips to improve patient outcomes.
- Monitored ventilatory settings and blood gas status and utilized nurse driven protocols to extubate patients within given time parameters as condition allowed.
- Participated in interdisciplinary rounds and work in collaboration with other allied health professionals to provide overall care of the patient.
- Provided care to post-surgical, vascular, endocrine, septic, neurovascular and cardiac patients.

## **Flight Paramedic**

December 2011 - December 2020

VCU Health

- Delivered critical care interventions as the paramedic member of a nurse-paramedic team to patients who were seriously injured or ill.
- Made patient care decisions autonomously for both the adult and pediatric populations with medical, cardiac, trauma, and neurological emergencies.
- Independently operated patient care equipment such as mechanical transport ventilator, balloon pump, Impella device, transvenous pacemaker, cardiac monitor and IV pump under the direction of medical director established patient care guidelines.
- Oriented new flight crew members and ensured compliance with health system policies.

# **Education**

# Master of Science in Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner

April 2022

**Herzing University** 

### **Bachelor of Science in Nursing**

August 2019

Old Dominion University

#### **Bachelor of Science - Health Science**

August 2012

Old Dominion University

### **Associate of Applied Science**

June 2005

**Emergency Medical Services - Paramedic** 

# **Licenses and Certifications**

- ANCC Family Nurse Practitioner Board Certification
- FNP Virginia
- FNP District of Columbia
- RN Registered Nurse, Virginia
- RN Registered Nurse, District of Columbia
- CCRN
- TNCC
- AHA BLS Instructor
- AHA ACLS Instructor
- AHA PALS Instructor
- Nationally Registered Paramedic
- Paramedic Virginia
- FP-C Flight Paramedic Certified

# **Other Activities**

Chair 2022

Sentara System-Wide Critical Care Nurse Practice Forum

- Plan and facilitate committee meetings.
- Providing accurate and concise reports for health system use.
- Report committee findings to Sentara Nurse Executive Committee.
- Collaborate with other hospital and system-wide committees to enact policy and procedural changes.

Co-Chair 2021

Sentara System-Wide Critical Care Nurse Practice Forum

- Attend committee meetings and assist with facilitation as needed.
- Assist with report and document creation for system distribution.
- Assist chair in administrative tasks as needed.