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Critical Care Charge Nurse, ICU

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SUMMARY

Critical care **registered nurse** with six years of progressive hospital experience across ICU, progressive care, and medical surgical settings. Provides safe, individualized care for high acuity adult patients while coordinating relief charge operations, acuity based assignments, staffing needs, patient flow, **physician rounding**, and interdisciplinary communication. Applies assessment, diagnosis, outcomes, planning, implementation, and evaluation across changing clinical conditions. Supports nurses through coaching, precepting, structured handoffs, patient teaching, and timely escalation. Partners with physicians, care managers, **nursing administration**, ancillary teams, patients, and families to protect continuity and patient goals. Contributes to performance improvement, shared governance, survey readiness, protocol review, equipment stewardship, documentation quality, and **evidence based practice**. Brings practical leadership, calm clinical judgment, and direct care expertise that supports safe resource use and dependable outcomes.

EXPERIENCE

ICU Registered Nurse, Relief Charge

Lakeview Regional Medical Center 📅 July 2023 - Present 📍 South Bend, IN

Provide high acuity ICU bedside care and relief charge coordination, supporting patient assignments, clinical escalation, handoffs, education, and safe resource use across changing shift needs.

- Coordinated relief charge coverage for high acuity ICU patients using **focused assessment** and **timely escalation**.
- Applied nursing process steps across assessment, planning, intervention, reassessment, and documentation as conditions changed.
- Used **structured handoffs** with nurses, physicians, and **ancillary clinicians** to protect continuity through transitions.
- Provided individualized **patient and family education** with teach back during complex care and follow up planning.
- Maintained medication safety, **infection prevention**, confidentiality, and documentation aligned with clinical standards.
- Reviewed outcomes with experienced clinicians and incorporated feedback and evidence based guidance into subsequent care.

Critical Care Registered Nurse

Summit Valley Hospital 📅 June 2021 - June 2023 📍 Muncie, IN

Delivered adult critical care for complex medical and surgical presentations, partnering with interdisciplinary teams on assessment, escalation, education, handoffs, and reliable care transitions.

- Delivered high **acuity** adult critical care through focused assessment, **prioritization**, and timely clinical escalation.
- Applied **nursing process** steps to changing patient needs, from assessment through evaluation and documentation.
- Used structured handoffs with nurses, physicians, and ancillary clinicians to preserve continuity across transitions.
- Provided individualized **patient and family education** with teach back for care plans and follow up.
- Maintained **medication safety**, infection prevention, confidentiality, and documentation practices aligned with **clinical standards**.
- Reviewed patient outcomes with experienced clinicians and incorporated evidence based guidance into subsequent care.

Registered Nurse, Progressive Care

Riverbend Community Hospital 📅 June 2020 - May 2021 📍 Lafayette, IN

STRENGTHS

- 👥 **Acuity Based Staffing**
Built assignments around patient acuity, staff expertise, float status, and new graduate needs during busy shifts.
- ♥️ **Clinical Coaching**
Peers sought practical guidance during difficult assessments, and coaching helped turn uncertainty into clear next steps.
- 💬 **Patient Communication**
Used teach back and structured handoffs so patients, families, and clinicians shared a clearer care picture.
- ⚙️ **Resource Coordination**
Balanced bedside priorities with staffing, equipment, patient flow, and support services when census pressures rose.
- ✅ **Quality Practice**
Joined outcome reviews and evidence based discussions, then carried useful lessons into subsequent patient care.

SKILLS

Critical Care Nursing

ICU Patient Flow

Acuity Based Staffing

Nursing Process

Evidence Based Practice

Interdisciplinary Rounds

Patient Education Precepting

Shared Governance

Performance Improvement

Patient Safety Goals BLS ACLS

Patient Handoffs

Clinical Escalation

LANGUAGES

English Native

Spanish Beginner

MY CAREER



● ICU Registered Nurse, Relief Charge at Lakeview Regional Medical Center (3.2 Years)

● Critical Care Registered Nurse at Summit Valley Hospital (2 Years)

● Registered Nurse, Progressive Care at Riverbend Community Hospital (11 Months)

● Graduate Registered Nurse, Medical Surgical at Northgate University Hospital (7 Months)

Managed monitored cardiac, respiratory, and postoperative care while building strong clinical judgment, escalation habits, **patient teaching** skills, and interdisciplinary communication.

- Delivered monitored cardiac, respiratory, and postoperative care using **focused assessment** and **timely escalation**.
- Applied nursing process steps across **assessment**, planning, intervention, reassessment, and documentation for changing needs.
- Used structured handoffs with nurses, physicians, and ancillary clinicians to support safe care transitions.
- Provided individualized **patient and family education** with **teach back** during recovery and discharge preparation.
- Maintained medication safety, infection prevention, confidentiality, and documentation aligned with clinical standards.
- Reviewed outcomes with experienced clinicians and applied feedback and evidence based guidance in later care.

Graduate Registered Nurse, Medical Surgical

Northgate University Hospital 📅 October 2019 - May 2020 📍 Indianapolis, IN

Provided supervised adult medical surgical care while developing bedside assessment, clinical prioritization, nursing process, patient education, documentation, and team communication skills.

- Delivered supervised adult **medical surgical care** using **focused assessment** and timely escalation.
- Applied nursing process steps across assessment, **planning**, intervention, reassessment, and documentation.
- Used structured handoffs with nurses, **physicians**, and ancillary clinicians to preserve continuity during transitions.
- Provided individualized **patient and family education** with teach back to confirm care understanding.
- Maintained medication safety, infection prevention, confidentiality, and documentation aligned with clinical standards.
- Reviewed **outcomes** with experienced clinicians and incorporated feedback into subsequent patient care.

PROJECTS

ICU Flow and Handoff Improvement 📅 2024

Supported more consistent ICU transitions through structured handoffs, focused rounding, patient education, and communication with physicians and ancillary clinicians.

Critical Care Practice Review 📅 2023

Contributed bedside insight to evidence based care review, clinical feedback, documentation quality, and safe escalation for complex adult patients.

LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

- Relief Charge Recognition, Lakeview Regional Medical Center, recognized for dependable shift coordination and calm clinical escalation.
- Clinical Preceptor Appreciation, Summit Valley Hospital, acknowledged for helping nurses build sound critical care judgment.
- Shared Governance Contributor, supported practice discussion, protocol review, and patient safety priorities.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Indiana State University 🎓 GPA: 0 📅 2019 📍 Terre Haute, IN

Coursework: Critical care nursing, health assessment, pharmacology, nursing leadership

CERTIFICATIONS

- Registered Nurse, Indiana Nurse Licensure Compact 📅 2019
- Basic Life Support 📅 2026

- Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support 📅 2026

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Critical Care Practice:** ICU care, high acuity assessment, clinical escalation
- **Nursing Process:** Assessment, diagnosis, planning, evaluation
- **Staffing Coordination:** Acuity assignments, float status, census surges
- **Care Coordination:** Interdisciplinary rounds, patient flow, discharge planning
- **Patient Communication:** Teach back, patient education, structured handoffs
- **Clinical Standards:** ANA Scope of Practice, ANA Code of Ethics, TJC Patient Safety Goals
- **Life Support:** BLS, ACLS, BLS Instructor preparation
- **Quality Improvement:** Performance improvement, data collection, outcome review
- **Professional Development:** Precepting, mentoring, competency validation
- **Nursing Operations:** Shared governance, survey readiness, committee participation
- **Resource Management:** Equipment inventory, utilization review, value analysis
- **Regulatory Practice:** Confidentiality, documentation, mandatory education

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Indiana Nurses Association, professional nursing engagement and continuing practice development.
- American Association of Critical Care Nurses, critical care education and evidence based practice community.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Work Status : Authorized to work in United States. No sponsorship required.

REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST