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SUMMARY

Emergency department registered nurse with three years of **hospital nursing experience** across emergency and acute medical care. Provides rapid assessment, **individualized care** planning, medication administration, reassessment, patient education, and timely escalation for adult and pediatric patients with varied acuity. Applies **nursing process** principles through assessment, planning, intervention, evaluation, and clear clinical documentation. Coordinates with physicians, nurses, technicians, ancillary clinicians, patients, families, and **unlicensed nursing personnel** while using sound delegation and communication practices. Maintains active Illinois Registered Nurse licensure and BLS/CPR for Healthcare Providers certification, supported by a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Brings calm prioritization, regulatory accountability, patient safety awareness, and dependable evening shift readiness to high throughput emergency care.

EXPERIENCE

Emergency Department Registered Nurse

July 2024 - Present

Lakefront Community Hospital

Elgin, IL

Provides emergency nursing care for adult and pediatric patients across changing acuity levels in a high throughput hospital department. Leads organized bedside coordination with physicians, nurses, technicians, ancillary clinicians, and **unlicensed nursing personnel**. Supports safe decisions through **clinical judgment**, nursing process care, medication safety, patient education, documentation, and timely escalation.

- Prioritized adult and pediatric emergency assessments, supporting timely escalation during changing patient acuity.
- Applied **nursing process** planning and reassessment, adapting interventions as patient conditions changed.
- Coordinated **structured handoffs** with physicians, nurses, technicians, and ancillary clinicians during transitions.
- Used **teach back** education with patients and families, clarifying follow up instructions and warning signs.
- Maintained medication safety, **infection prevention**, confidentiality, and regulatory documentation across emergency encounters.
- Reviewed outcomes with experienced clinicians, applying feedback and evidence based guidance during subsequent care.

Registered Nurse, Acute Medical Unit

October 2023 - June 2024

Fox River Medical Center

Naperville, IL

Delivered acute medical **nursing care** for adult patients requiring focused assessment, treatment coordination, reassessment, education, and escalation. Managed changing clinical needs through nursing process documentation and collaboration with physicians, nurses, ancillary clinicians, and support personnel. Built practical hospital experience that supported transition into **emergency nursing**.

- Managed acute adult assessments, identifying escalation needs through focused clinical observation and prioritization.
- Applied **nursing process** care plans, documenting interventions and **reassessment** as patient needs changed.
- Used structured handoffs with nurses, physicians, and ancillary clinicians to preserve continuity through transitions.
- Provided individualized education with teach back, helping patients and families understand follow up care.
- Protected medication safety, **infection prevention**, **confidentiality**, and documentation standards during acute medical care.
- Discussed patient outcomes with experienced clinicians, incorporating feedback and evidence based guidance into practice.

PROJECTS

Emergency Care Communication Practice 📅 2024

Clear communication helped patients and families feel informed during uncertain emergency visits. Structured handoffs and teach back supported continuity, safer decisions, and practical follow up understanding.

Acute Care Transition Development 📅 2023

Acute medical nursing created a strong foundation for emergency practice. Focused assessment, care planning, reassessment, and escalation shaped dependable bedside judgment across changing patient needs.

LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

- Recognized by clinical colleagues for calm prioritization during changing emergency department volume.
- Commended for clear patient and family communication during acute and emergency care.
- Selected for continued emergency nursing development through broad exposure to adult and pediatric care.

EDUCATION

Bachelor's Degree in Nursing

2023

Northern Illinois University GPA: 3.5

DeKalb, IL

Coursework: Emergency nursing, pharmacology, adult health, community health

CERTIFICATIONS

- Registered Nurse, Illinois 📅 2023
- BLS/CPR for Healthcare Providers 📅 2026

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Emergency Nursing:** Emergency department care, triage assessment, acuity prioritization
- **Nursing Process:** Assessment, care planning, intervention, evaluation
- **Clinical Assessment:** Rapid assessment, focused assessment, reassessment
- **Medication Safety:** Medication administration, medication verification, adverse reaction monitoring
- **Patient Education:** Teach back, discharge education, follow up instruction
- **Clinical Documentation:** Electronic documentation, nursing notes, care records
- **Patient Safety:** Safety outcomes, infection prevention, confidentiality
- **Care Coordination:** Structured handoffs, physician coordination, ancillary collaboration
- **Delegation Practice:** Scope of practice, unlicensed personnel, task delegation
- **Life Support:** BLS, CPR, emergency response

SKILLS

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| • Emergency Nursing | • Reassessment | • Patient Safety | • Medication Administration |
| • Nursing Process | • Clinical Documentation | • Patient Education | • Patient Advocacy |
| • Rapid Assessment | • Regulatory Compliance | • Acute Care | • Clinical Judgment |
| • Care Planning | • Delegation | • BLS/CPR | |

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Illinois Registered Nurse community, supporting accountable practice and continued clinical learning.
- Hospital nursing teams, contributing clear handoffs, shared situational awareness, and dependable patient support.

LANGUAGES

- English (Native)
- Spanish (Intermediate)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST