



# Joy Petersen

PICU Registered Nurse

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## SUMMARY

Compassionate Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) nurse with over five years in high-acuity settings. Expertise includes delivering exceptional patient care and collaborating with multidisciplinary teams. Proven ability to monitor seriously ill children, applying detailed care protocols that enhance outcomes. Strong advocate for families, providing education and emotional support through difficult times. Committed to continuous improvement and professional development, fostering a safe environment for patients. Comfortable with advanced medical technologies and dedicated to championing best practices among colleagues.

## STRENGTHS

- Team Collaboration**  
Foster approachability among peers, facilitating open lines of communication for optimal patient care.
- Patient Advocacy**  
Actively supported patient families during challenging moments, building trust through attentive care and information.
- Critical Thinking**  
Applied problem-solving skills swiftly when addressing sudden changes in patients' conditions or care requirements.
- Education & Training**  
Contributed personal knowledge consistently toward training newcomers in order to uphold best practices.
- Quality Improvement Initiatives**  
Promoted culture of safety by participating in policy updates, directly impacting patient outcomes positively.

## SKILLS

PICU Nursing

Patient Care Management

Team Collaboration

Pediatric Advanced Life Support

Critical Thinking Patient Education

Advanced Monitoring Techniques

Medication Administration

Emotional Support Skills

## EXPERIENCE

### PICU Registered Nurse

Children's Health Network June 2022 - Present Chicago, IL

Oversee nursing care for critically ill pediatric patients, working in a dynamic PICU. Collaborate with diverse medical professionals for integrated treatment plans that address complex health challenges. Focus on compassionate care delivery, ensuring the needs of both patients and families are met through education and emotional support.

- Administered advanced care for pediatric patients facing life-threatening conditions, ensuring meticulous monitoring.
- Collaborated effectively with physicians and allied health staff in developing tailored treatment strategies.
- Conducted detailed assessments, responding to patient needs and adjusting interventions based on fluctuations in health status.
- Facilitated educational sessions for family members, empowering them with knowledge about treatment methodologies.
- Played a key role in enhancing safety protocols within the unit, resulting in improved patient care standards.
- Mentored new nursing staff, sharing insights that foster principled pediatric nursing practices.

### PICU Nurse

Pediatric Specialty Care April 2021 - May 2022 Naperville, IL

Managed critical care for children experiencing life-threatening illnesses within a specialized environment. Prioritized safety and adherence to established protocols while taking part in interdisciplinary collaborations to optimize patient care. Implemented technology solutions that streamlined data collection processes and enhanced monitoring.

- Administered essential treatments while maintaining strict compliance with healthcare regulations.
- Conducted comprehensive clinical assessments to accurately document patient status and response to therapies.
- Advocated for effective communication within healthcare teams, ensuring cohesive decision-making for patient care.
- Integrated technological enhancements into routine processes, thereby improving procedure efficiency in monitoring.
- Engaged in quality assurance initiatives to maintain high standards of care throughout the facility.

### Registered Nurse

Springfield Hospital January 2018 - March 2021 Springfield, IL

Provided extensive nursing support across various units, focusing primarily on pediatric and critical care. Delivered comprehensive healthcare services while ensuring alignment with institutional initiatives aimed at improving patient experiences. Contributed towards community health awareness programs promoting pediatric health.

Leadership Development

Quality Assurance

Family Engagement Strategies

Health Informatics

Collaborative Care Planning

Clinical Assessment Techniques

Risk Management

- Executed medication administration and assisted in advanced medical procedures under physician supervision.
- Participated in professional growth opportunities focused on pediatric nursing competencies.
- Assisted in hospital-wide committees aimed at advancing nursing methodologies and optimizing patient outcomes.
- Enhanced team dynamics by working collaboratively to deliver superior patient-centered care.
- Led local wellness initiatives that improved community health and engagement through educational outreach.

## LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

- Nursing Excellence Award, Springfield Hospital, 2020
- Dean's List, University of Illinois, 2015-2017

## EDUCATION

### Bachelor's Degree in Nursing

University of Illinois 🎓 GPA: 3.8 📅 2017 📍 Champaign, IL

**Coursework:** *Clinical Practice, Family Health, Child Development, Health Policy*

## CERTIFICATIONS

- Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) 📅 2021
- Basic Life Support (BLS) 📅 2021

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Medical Technologies:** Ventilators, Cardiac Monitors, Infusion Pumps
- **Patient Care Protocols:** Safety Standards, Emergency Response Procedures, Infection Control
- **Communication Tools:** Electronic Health Records, Telehealth Platforms, Collaborative Software
- **Education Resources:** Patient Education Materials, Multimedia Instructional Aids, Digital Learning Modules
- **Data Analysis Tools:** Statistical Analysis Software, Quality Tracking Systems, Patient Outcome Measurement
- **Professional Development:** Continuing Education Workshops, Certification Programs, Peer Review Activities
- **Clinical Research Techniques:** Evidence-Based Practice, Trials Participation, Outcome Documentation
- **Care Coordination Methods:** Care Team Meetings, Interdepartmental Collaboration, Referral Management
- **Regulatory Compliance:** HIPAA Guidelines, Clinical Governance Framework, JCAHO Standards
- **Community Engagement:** Health Fairs, Outreach Programs, School Education Initiatives

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, Pediatric Nursing Association, 2019-Present
- Volunteer, Local Children's Hospital, 2018-Present

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

## REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

## LANGUAGES

English Native

Spanish Intermediate

## MY CAREER



● PICU Registered Nurse at Children's Health Network (4 Years)

● PICU Nurse at Pediatric Specialty Care (1.1 Years)

● Registered Nurse at Springfield Hospital (3.2 Years)