

# Ngoc Ballard

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## SUMMARY

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Dedicated nursing professional with over four years of experience in surgical services and patient education. Proficient in employing advanced nursing processes alongside critical thinking to enhance patient outcomes while ensuring safety during procedures. Developed and executed educational programs for nursing staff at varying levels, focusing on skill enhancement aligned with best practices. Collaborated successfully with healthcare teams to revise orientations and maintain compliance with regulatory standards, fostering independence in patients and promoting their overall well-being.

## EXPERIENCE

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### RN-Nurse Educator Surgical Services

May 2022 - Present

Health Innovations Group

Chicago, IL

Oversees educational programs for nursing staff, applying expert knowledge in surgical services. Facilitates assessment and care planning for designated patient populations, actively engaging interdisciplinary teams to improve treatments.

- Utilizes nursing processes and critical thinking to assess patient needs and provide tailored care, ensuring safety and comfort during surgical procedures.
- Develops and conducts educational sessions for nursing staff, enhancing skills in compliance with current clinical practices and patient care standards.
- Evaluates patient responses to interventions, modifying care plans based on individual needs and clinical outcomes.
- Collaborates with Patient Care Directors to design and revise orientation programs, ensuring alignment with best practices in surgical nursing.
- Serves as a mentor by scrubbing into surgeries, providing hands-on guidance to staff during complex procedures.
- Maintains certifications and participates in ongoing education, completing over eight hours of relevant training annually.

### Nursing Intern

January 2021 - April 2022

University Research Lab

Chicago, IL

Gain practical experience in surgical settings under supervision, assisting with postoperative patient assessments while learning from experienced professionals.

- Assisted in patient assessments and care planning under supervision, gaining practical experience in surgical settings.
- Participated in the development of educational materials for patients regarding pre- and post-operative care.
- Supported nursing staff in maintaining compliance with AORN Guidelines and best practices for patient safety.
- Engaged in quality improvement initiatives focused on enhancing patient outcomes through evidence-based nursing interventions.
- Conducted research on patient education effectiveness, contributing to the development of new training modules for staff.
- Collaborated with a multidisciplinary team to ensure comprehensive care delivery during surgical procedures.

### Nursing Student

September 2020 - December 2020

Capstone Project

Chicago, IL

Designed and implemented a patient education program aimed at improving post-operative recovery by utilizing evidence-based therapeutic techniques.

- Designed and implemented a patient education program aimed at improving post-operative recovery for surgical patients.
- Utilized surveys and interviews to assess the effectiveness of educational interventions on patient satisfaction.
- Collaborated with nursing faculty to evaluate and refine teaching methodologies for enhanced learning outcomes.
- Presented findings to university stakeholders, receiving commendations for clarity and practical application in clinical settings.
- Developed instructional materials that were adopted by the nursing department for ongoing student training.
- Demonstrated leadership in project management and teamwork throughout the capstone experience.

## LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

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- Dean's List, University of Illinois at Chicago, 2018-2020
- Nursing Excellence Scholarship, 2020

## EDUCATION

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### Bachelor's Degree in Nursing

2020

University of Illinois at Chicago GPA: 3.8

Chicago, IL

**Coursework:** Medical Terminology, Patient Advocacy, Anatomy and Physiology, Pharmacology

## CERTIFICATIONS

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- Current RN License 📅 2020
- CPR Certification 📅 2020
- ACLS Certification 📅 2022

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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- **Clinical Tools:** Electronic Health Records, Patient Management Systems, Nursing Informatics
- **Education Platforms:** Learning Management Systems, Simulation Platforms, Virtual Reality Training
- **Compliance Standards:** AORN Guidelines, HIPAA Regulations, Safety Protocols
- **Assessment Techniques:** Clinical Assessments, Patient Evaluation Metrics, Nursing Protocols
- **Patient Education Methods:** Teaching Methodologies, Informational Workshops, Instructional Design
- **Quality Improvement Frameworks:** Evidence-Based Practices, Performance Reviews, Patient Feedback Iteration
- **Certifications:** RN License, CPR Certification, ACLS Certification
- **Mentorship Strategies:** Peer-to-Peer Mentoring, Staff Training Initiatives, Clinical Guidance
- **Collaboration Tools:** Team-based Rounds, Multidisciplinary Meetings, Operational Briefings
- **Time Management Software:** Scheduling Applications, Time Tracking Tools, Workflow Analysis Tools

## SKILLS

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- Patient Care
- Surgical Nursing
- Educational Program Development
- Critical Thinking
- AORN Guidelines Compliance
- Team Collaboration
- Communication Skills
- Time Management
- Quality Improvement
- Mentoring
- Interdisciplinary Teamwork
- Safety Protocols
- Clinical Assessment
- Instructional Design
- Evidence-Based Practice

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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- Member, Nursing Student Association, 2019-2020
- Volunteer, Community Health Fair, 2020

## LANGUAGES

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- English (Native)
- Vietnamese (Proficient)

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

## REFERENCES

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AVAILABLE ON REQUEST