



# Vera Hansen

Staff Nurse (RN) NICU

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## STRENGTHS

### Empathy

Insisting on empathy, always reached out to families during difficult times, gaining their confidence and trust.

### Team Collaboration

Established close partnerships within healthcare teams to coordinate critical care, becoming a go-to resource on neonatal issues.

### Patient Advocacy

Advocated consistently for patients' needs, ensuring every voice was heard during care planning discussions.

### Adaptability

Progressive adaptability encouraged ability to manage fast-paced environments, mentoring interns in achieving smooth operations.

### Commitment to Learning

Enrollment in a BSN program reflects ongoing commitment to professional growth and improving nursing practice.

## SKILLS

Neonatal Care Patient Assessment

Family Education

Documentation and Record Keeping

Team Collaboration

Critical Thinking

Time Management

Medication Administration

Quality Improvement Initiatives

Communication Skills

Research Analysis

Evidence-Based Practice

## SUMMARY

Compassionate Registered Nurse with two years of experience in neonatal intensive care. Focused on patient-centered approaches, managing critical cases with compassion and professionalism. Hands-on experience in monitoring, assessment, and administration of medications under medical guidelines. Dedication to enhancing care quality through collaboration with healthcare professionals and families alike. Currently pursuing a BSN degree, committed to lifelong learning to provide the best possible support to patients and their families during vulnerable moments. Strong advocate for quality improvement initiatives aimed at improving patient outcomes within the NICU.

## EDUCATION

### Associate Degree in Nursing

Chicago Community College GPA: 3.8 2026 Chicago, IL

Coursework: Nursing Fundamentals, Neonatal Care, Health Assessment, Pharmacology

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Nursing Software:** Epic, Cerner, Meditech
- Monitoring Equipment:** ECMO, Pulse Oximeter, Cardiac Monitor
- Medical Protocols:** BLS, AHA Guidelines, Pain Management Strategies
- Assessment Tools:** AVPU Scale, Numeric Pain Rating Scale, Growth Charts
- Electronic Health Records:** Documenting Patient Progress, Treatment Plans, Protocol Compliance
- Patient Care Techniques:** Administration of IV Medications, Newborn Resuscitation
- Communication Tools:** Slack, Microsoft Teams, Zoom
- Quality Improvement Yields:** NPS Surveys, Infection Rates Analysis, Care Efficiency Enhancements
- Learning Platforms:** Fitzgerald Healthcare Training, Coursera, Online Nursing Resources
- Regulatory Standards:** HIPAA Compliance, Joint Commission Guidelines, State Regulations

## EXPERIENCE

### NICU Nursing Intern

University Research Lab June 2025 - Present Chicago, IL

As an NICU Nursing Intern, responsible for delivering high-quality care for critically ill newborns in a busy research setting. That experience includes direct participation in monitoring patients, assisting with treatments, and supporting family interactions. Collaborated with diverse healthcare teams to ensure comprehensive care focused on individual needs.

- Assisted healthcare teams in managing vital signs for critically ill neonates, enabling timely interventions that improved outcomes.
- Engaged families in education and emotional support, fostering trust and providing comfort during challenging situations.
- Contributed to thorough patient documentation practices and actively engaged in interdisciplinary rounds discussing individualized care plans.
- Supported the administration of medication as per pediatrician directives, ensuring adherence to care protocols that enhance patient safety.
- Participated in quality improvement initiatives, helping reduce hospital-acquired infections and optimizing care processes.
- Facilitated communication among nursing staff, physicians, and families, streamlining care efforts to achieve cohesive treatment goals.

### Student Nurse

Academic Research September 2024 - May 2025 Chicago, IL

Clinical Protocols

Interpersonal Skills

Patient Privacy Compliance

Stress Management

## LANGUAGES

English Native

Spanish Intermediate

## MY CAREER



● NICU Nursing Intern at University Research Lab (1 Years)

● Student Nurse at Academic Research (8 Months)

Served as a Student Nurse involved in a capstone project aimed at refining neonatal care protocols, navigating real-world challenges while presenting research findings. Developed educational materials to empower nursing staff and advocates for evidence-based practices.

- Conducted an extensive literature review focusing on neonatal pain management strategies, offering insights for clinical practice changes.
- Created innovative training resources for staff on implementation of new care strategies for enhanced patient outcomes.
- Worked closely with faculty to structure workshops geared towards skill enhancement in neonatal resuscitation techniques, increasing team preparedness.
- Collaborated with academic peers to develop and present research findings at a respected annual nursing conference, showcasing commitment to quality research.
- Built hands-on experience in patient assessments, contributing to effective care planning under supervisory guidance from licensed nurses.
- Provided supportive engagement with patients' families, promoting transparency especially during health crises.

## LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

- Dean's List, Fall 2024, Spring 2025
- Nursing Student Scholarship, Chicago Community College, 2024

## CERTIFICATIONS

- BLS Certification 📅 2025

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, Nursing Student Association, 2024 – Present
- Volunteer, Chicago Children's Hospital, 2023 – Present

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

## REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST