

OBJECTIVE To broaden personal experience and continue developing nursing skills by working, learning, and growing professionally on the staff of a teaching- and research-oriented, regional health care facility.

OVERVIEW

- A four-year degree that, in addition to nursing studies, included coursework in both liberal arts and life sciences.
- Employment in varied situations that have thoroughly tested my ability and desire to provide health care as well as my readiness to work with a wide diversity of people.
- A team-oriented individual who will consistently invest the time and effort needed to give quality care.

EDUCATION *UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON;* December 1999
Bachelor of Science, Nursing

ADDITIONAL COURSES: – Intro to Art – Expository Writing – Genetics – Ethnic Studies

GPA: **3.4 / 4.0** CREDITS: **144**

CERTIFICATION: Red Cross CPR & First Aid

CLINICAL ROTATIONS

Oncology/Hematology/BMT, UW HOSPITAL & CLINICS, Madison, WI; Summer '99

- Worked with bone marrow transplant and other oncology patients to minimize side effects of radiation and chemotherapy by administering medications and blood products, providing comfort measures, and teaching patients self-care.
- Gained experience with central lines by providing daily site care and managing complex IV medication schedules.
- Over a two month period, cared for a terminally ill Peruvian national who spoke very limited English. Found creative ways to teach as well as manage pain and effects of chemotherapy.
- Gained experience with managing extended patient relationships and dealing with death.

Community Nursing, MADISON METROPOLITAN SCHOOLS, Madison, WI; Spring '99

- Was part of a three-person team that researched, wrote, and distributed a 12-page informational pamphlet for parents of children with asthma.
- Engaged in direct teaching activities, such as making a presentation on hand-washing to a kindergarten class.
- Gained assessment experience by treating minor playground injuries, checking for head lice, and similar tasks.
- Worked one-to-one with a child with cerebral palsy, asthma, and other health complications. Had the opportunity to make family contacts through occasional home visits.

Gen. Med./Oncology, MIDDLETON MEMORIAL VETERANS' HOSPITAL, Madison, WI; Fall '98

- Cared for critically ill, long-term, and often terminal patients.
- Under supervision, administered medications, checked vital signs, provided personal care, assisted with ambulation, and sought to maximize patients' involvement with their immediate environment.
- Supplemented experience with outside activities such as giving vaccinations at a flu clinic.

Orthopedics, UW HOSPITAL & CLINICS, Madison, WI; Spring '98

- Gained initial experience and exposure to hospital procedure and protocols.
- Gained a foundation for learning by providing basic patient care as previously described.
- Under supervision, passed medications and performed varied additional duties to be described on page 2 under employment at UW Hospital & Clinics.

**HEALTH-CARE
RELATED
EMPLOYMENT**

MADISON METROPOLITAN SCHOOLS,
Program Aide

Madison, WI; January 2000 - Present

- Help a six-year-old with cerebral palsy to participate in after-school programming.
- Remain at hand to assure safety, coordinate transportation, and remove physical barriers, while encouraging normal activity and social interaction.

COMMUNITY LIVING ALLIANCE,
Home Health Assistant

Madison, WI; March 2000 - Present

- Provide regular in-home and respite care for a 17-year-old male quadriplegic and an 11-year-old male with cerebral palsy.
- For at least five 2+-hour periods per week, assist the 17-year-old with catheterization and bowel management, as well as with regular range-of-motion exercises.
- Also, run out-of-home errands and perform other tasks to give parents respite.
- On weekends, work two 6-hour shifts caring for the 11-year-old by giving medications, assisting with mobility, and engaging in recreation / learning interactions such as reading aloud.
- Help parents manage time by doing light housekeeping, laundry, and some cooking.

UW HOSPITAL & CLINICS,
Student LTE Nursing Assistant

Madison, WI; May 1998 - January 2000

- Worked typically as one of two assistants assigned to five- or six-member teams of registered nurses on either day or PM shifts.
- Cared for up to 12 orthopedics patients who ranged from those recovering from major replacement surgery to those with multiple traumatic injuries.
- Gave personal care and physical assistance, charted vital signs and intake / output, monitored IV lines, reinforced self-care teaching, and was available to assist nurses with other procedures whenever needed.
- Functioned under special requirements, such as the need for procedures to protect compromised immune systems and for attention to reduced mental capacity arising from factors as divergent as advanced Alzheimer's disease and recovery from anesthesia.
- Because the hospital draws a culturally diverse and even international patient population, gained experience with relating to differing cultural values and overcoming language barriers.

**ADDITIONAL
WORK
BACKGROUND**

UW HOSPITAL & CLINICS,
Food Service Worker

Madison, WI; October '96 - May '98

- Followed dietary orders to assemble and distribute trays to floors as well as occasionally giving direct assistance to patients.
- In addition to learning hospital routine, became familiar with preparation of meals to meet a variety of dietary needs.

OFFICE DEPOT,
Cashier / Sales Associate

Milwaukee, WI; January - May '96

- Greeted customers, scanned sales, initiated price checks, and maintained cash drawers.
- Answered questions, provided merchandise information, processed exchanges, accepted returns, and aimed to give consistent customer service.

CROSSROADS CINEMA,
Cashier

Wausau, WI; December '92 - August '94

- Sold / collected tickets as well as selling popcorn, candy, etc.
- Did cleaning, cash accounting, and miscellaneous tasks as needed.
- Held this position during my last two years of high school until leaving for college.

REFERENCES

All references & credentials will be gladly provided upon readers' request.