

FACULTY, CLINICAL INSTRUCTOR, & CLINICAL COORDINATOR

Summary

Doctorate-prepared registered nurse and medical author with extensive clinical experience, excellent physical assessment skills, proven strength in teaching, and a passion for health education. Specialized training in pediatric primary care, chronic disease management, sports medicine, nutrition, pediatric cardiology, and mental wellness. Excels at presenting health & medical education, and program management.

Professional Highlights

- Implemented a sustainable quality improvement program within Orland Park School District 135's Physical Education curriculum, impacting over 4800 students grades K-8
- Revised a Rush University graduate nursing course curriculum improving online discussion & critical thinking techniques in accordance with national Quality Matters Standards & Competencies for Nursing Education
- Designed course curriculum, including exam design and evaluation, within university graduate level nursing programs
- Currently establishing Medical Advisory Board within Orland Park Township, coordinating with University of Chicago and local community stakeholders to provide health services and education programs to district students and athletes
- Played a major role as medical liaison in medical sales venues educating MDs, surgeons, APNs, RNs, and surgical staff while maintaining business benchmarks and quotas
- Successful author & editor in preparing medical manuscripts, proposals, and policies for publication submission
- Effective presenter with ability to convey complex concepts to a variety of audiences and identification of training needs
- Managed several projects with budget limitations, as well as securing funding
- Experienced in research, data analysis, and documentation of health conditions & treatment topics, public health issues, & student safety
- Supported school district staff & community education on physical, cultural, and socioeconomic diversity of student population

Experience

Company Name City , State Faculty, Clinical Instructor, & Clinical Coordinator 05/2016 to Current

- Responsible for course lecture, and leadership of clinical instructors within the Master's Entry Nursing Program (MENP)
- Designed and provided evidence-based information achieving course objectives as required through university program protocol and the national guidelines of competencies for registered nurses
- Partnered with Clinical Simulation Manager to develop, implement, and evaluate clinical scenarios within the simulation laboratory environment to optimize student learning outcomes
- Coordinated directly with Medical Education Department personnel to augment the clinical rotation experience with hands-on and observation opportunities for students

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Company Name City , State School Nurse 08/2011 to Current

- Demonstrates advance skills in the nursing process of physical assessment, implementation, and evaluation with students and staff
- Attention to cultural diversity within the health care setting and its effect on care delivery & treatment management
- Serves as a strategic partner providing school wide proactive direction & training for health and emergency action plans
- Provides management, recommendation, and consulting services to administrative leadership team on individual student medical status and needs according to state and federal regulations to ensure academic success
- Excellent skills in finalizing and disseminating medical review data
- Administers vision and hearing screenings and addresses results with referral resources as contracted with district partnerships and the Illinois Department of Public Health
- Successfully initiates and manages projects involving teen student volunteers for community service learning in accordance with high school department policies
- Assures strict adherence to Illinois standards of the Professional School Nurse Practice Act, Illinois School District 135 Board of Education policies, protocol, and procedures regarding student-patient care, safety, data collection, and confidentiality

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Company Name City , State Clinical Specialist 09/2009 to 09/2011

- Provided contractual clinical services to a global medical device company specializing in design, development, and commercializing complex spine and minimally invasive spine technologies and operative techniques.
- Demonstrated product knowledge expertise, timely troubleshooting, and direct product evaluations of spinal implants, instrumentation, and biologic products involving motion preservation, annular repair, and nucleus replacement.
- Educated MDs, APNs, RNs, and surgical staff on proper use and maintenance of products, requiring 90% of time spent within operation room environments

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Company Name City , State Nurse Clinician II (RN) 05/1994 to 02/2010

- Specialized in Pediatric Intensive Care Unit & Pediatric Surgical Heart Unit.

- Responsible for the complete nursing process of critically ill or injured patients in a Level I Trauma Unit and pre and post-surgical patients in Pediatric Cardiac Surgical Unit.
- Extensively trained to deliver the most sophisticated level of treatment and surgical expertise in Trauma, Complex Pediatric Cardiac Surgery, Neonatal, and General Pediatrics.
- Successfully performed extensive RN role within cardiology specialty, exhibiting expertise in clinical anatomy and physiology, thorough understanding of surgical interventions and corrective procedures, while encompassing professional and compassionate patient care

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Education

Doctorate in Nursing Practice : Pediatric Primary Care 2016 Rush University , City , State

Associate of Applied Science : Nursing Richard J. Daley College , City , State

Bachelor of Science : Nutrition Northern Illinois University , City , State

Minor in [Journalism](#)

Licensure & Certification

- Registered Nurse (1994)
- Nationally Certified School Nurse, National Board for Certification of School Nurses (2017)
- Designation for Individualized Education Program (IEP) privileges, Illinois State Board of Education (2017)

Professional Presentations

- Evaluation of School District Implementation of the Knee Injury Prevention Program, Rush University
- Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome in Adolescent Females, Rush University Medical Center
- Female Athlete Triad, Sports Medicine Conference, Illinois School District 230
- Quality Matters Concepts in Online Higher Education Course Delivery, Rush University
- Fostering Debate in Online Courses, Rush University

Scholarship

- Wrist Pain in Gymnasts: A Review of Common Overuse Wrist Pathology in the Gymnastics Athlete, Current Sports Medicine Reports (2016), official journal of the American College of Sports Medicine
- Evaluation of School District Implementation of the Knee Injury Prevention Program, submitted to Sports Health (2016)
- "Nurses making an impact: Reducing school athlete injuries." Chicago Tribune (2016)
<http://www.chicagotribune.com/brandpublishing/nursing-in-action/ct-nurses-making-an-impact-reducing-school-athlete-injuries-20160720-story.html>

Affiliations

- Illinois High School Association
- Illinois Association of School Nurses, member
- American Diabetes Association, Teen Adventure Camp, Illinois
- Chicago Marathon Medical Staff
- Special Olympics Medical Staff
- Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators