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MPH, BSN, RN

PROFILE

Registered nurse and public health professional. Primary interests in maternal and child health and the intersection of equitable healthcare access and policy. Academic and professional experience in community engagement, project management, grant writing, data collection and analysis, quality and process improvement, interpersonal relationship building, strategic communications, advocacy and coalition development, comprehensive medical assessment and care, electronic medical record navigation and documentation, and improvisational comedy.

EXPERIENCE

AllianceChicago (Chicago, IL)

Research Coordinator

- -Project management for multiple research projects within community health and ambulatory care settings including implementation of patient-centered interventions and/or clinical decision support and retrospective secondary data analysis
- -Communicate and collaborate with multidisciplinary internal and external teams to achieve research goals
- -Streamline and update Research Team administrative processes, project tracking, and internal and external communications including dissemination of publications and research findings
- -Validate, manage, and conduct basic analysis of large patient-level datasets for research projects
- -Member of internal Coronavirus Taskforce to develop staff guidance, policies, and procedures in response to workforce impacts

Illinois Hunger Coalition (Chicago, IL)

Communications and Evaluation Coordinator (promoted 08/2017)

- -Managed all external communications for the organization, including policy and advocacy strategy
- -Streamlined communication processes and unified communication materials via a central design and workflow
- -Engaged in data collection and analysis of IHC initiatives for efficacy and quality control
- -Curated social media outreach and online engagement, including re-design of IHC website
- -Coordinated and prepared grant proposals and reports
- -Planned annual IHC fundraising events

Childhood Nutrition Intern (2017)

- -Supported IHC Child Nutrition initiatives and programming
- -Provided information about child nutrition programs via the statewide Hunger Hotline and maintained database of Hunger Hotline calls

Maxim Healthcare Services (Chicago, IL)

School Nurse, Various Chicago Area Schools

- -Provided triage and chronic condition (diabetes, asthma, seizure) management
- -Documented care and updated school records

Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago (Chicago, IL)

Registered Nurse, Pediatric Med-Surg/Transplant Unit

- -Provided comprehensive care for multiple diagnoses and acuities as a member of the multidisciplinary medical team and documented care provided
- -Utilized critical thinking and assessment to advocate for patient needs
- -Educated patients and families how to manage conditions and basic medical skills

-Conducted an evidence-based practice project recommending best practices for central line care

-Member of the hospital-wide Infectious Disease Committee collecting data for quality improvement

EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health (Chicago, IL)	
Master of Public Health	

Marquette University College of Nursing (Milwaukee, WI) Bachelor of Science in Nursing

2019-present

2017-2019

2015-2016

2014-2016

2014

2018

MEMBERSHIPS

EverThrive Illinois Associate's Board -Associate Board Executive Chair - 2019-present American Public Health Association Association of Public Health Nurses Reach Out and Read Illinois Board of Directors 2018-present

2016-present 2016-present 2016-2017

SKILLS

Proficient: Evidence-based nursing practice, project management, Microsoft Office Suite/Sharepoint, Google App Suite, Piktochart, Canva, Mailchimp, Salesforce, Webex, Zoom, improv comedy, first aid, medical assessment and documentation via electronic medical record

Limited: Photoshop, dedoose, Excel (data analysis), web design

LICENSE AND CERTIFICATIONS

Registered Professional Nurse (Illinois) Basic Life Support/Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation CIRTification: Community Involvement in Research Training in Human Research Protection for Community Research Partners