

Melissa Benson

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Objective

Full-time registered nurse position in pediatric unit

Education

Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing, Baltimore, MD
Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree candidate, expected July 2007
GPA: 3.97/4.00, Merit Scholarship Award

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Summa Cum Laude, April 2005
Phi Beta Kappa, 2004
Study Abroad, American University of Rome, Rome, Italy, Spring Semester 2003

Professional Experience

Nursing Student, Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing, Baltimore, MD, September, 2006-present
Extensive clinical experience with 112 hours in each rotation, including geriatrics, episodic/emergency, labor & delivery/postpartum, and adult medical/surgical nursing. Will complete 112-hour clinical rotations in both psychiatric and community health nursing. Will also complete 224-hour leadership practicum in Pediatrics.

- Pediatric rotation, 112 hours, Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital, Baltimore, MD, Fall 2006
Provided total patient care on rehabilitation unit for children ages 3 through 20. Performed patient assessments and vital signs, administered medications, executed plans of care and individualized nursing interventions including evaluating patients' and families' responses. Provided discharge planning and patient/family education on topics including, cystic fibrosis disease process and care needs, basic nutrition and management of immobility, pain, seizures, and cognitive disability.

Private Childcare Provider, Baltimore, MD, Aug 2005-Mar 2006

- Provided complete care for one-year-old child. Developed excellent skills including nutrition, hygiene, play, and developmental learning.

Volunteer, Montgomery General Hospital Mother/Baby Unit, Olney, MD, Mar-June 2005

- Provided nutrition, linen changes, therapeutic conversation, and education to postpartum mothers.
- Prepared newborn beds and nursing equipment. Stocked newborn nursing unit supplies and assembled postpartum family education materials.

Spanish translator, Mexican-American Medical Brigade, Guadalajara, Mexico, Summers 2002, 2003, 2004

- Collaborated with physicians, dentists, nurses, and emergency medical technicians to provide adult medical/surgical, pediatric, dental, OB/GYN, and pharmaceutical care to over 2000 medically underserved Honduran villagers.

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- Conducted patient health histories, educated patients about disease processes, treatments, and medications, and utilized therapeutic communication skills to support patients undergoing medical interventions.

After School Program Instructor, Robinwood Elementary School, Boardman, OH, March - May 2004

- Developed and implemented after-school arts and crafts projects for 20 3rd grade students.

Language Skills

Spanish

- Fluent conversational and writing skills including medical Spanish.

Italian

- Beginner's level conversational and writing skills.