

RACHAEL MERRITT

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OBJECTIVE: To be part of a dynamic healthcare team committed to excellence in patient care

EXPERIENCE

Preceptorship Medical Surgical Oncology, Spring 2007

Kaiser Permanente, Oakland CA

- Valuable part of an interdisciplinary team providing safe and effective care to patients
- Patient assessments completed in an on-going systematic thorough, safe, and skillful manner with a focus on the patients' physiologic, psychosocial, cultural, and spiritual status
- Consistently prioritized patient care while adhering to institutional policies and procedures
- Documented all patient care and unit activities in an accurate concise manner
- Utilized current research and evidence-based practice guidelines in decision making and problem solving and to evaluate effectiveness of care given by interdisciplinary team
- Acted as an advocate for the patient and family providing excellent service to visitors
- 184 clinical hours, 40 leadership hours

Personal Assistant and Childcare Provider for Rod Roach, 2001-2002

San Anselmo, CA

- Coordinated daily activities for him and his child
- Supervised outside vendors and contractors within home environment
- Life organization and space creation

Case Manager, 2000-2001

Center Point Inc., San Rafael CA

- Provided direct client care to post-partum women and their children in a residential rehabilitation program; coordinated the interdisciplinary care of clients
- Developed and implemented treatment plans in conjunction with a team of licensed staff
- Acted as an intermediary between clients and outside institutions including the criminal justice system, Child Protective Services, hospitals, day care facilities
- Facilitated individual and group counseling to clients under direct supervision of a clinical psychologist, made referrals to appropriate community services
- Organized health education for clients including: life skills, relapse prevention, family planning, and STI awareness, delegated tasks to appropriate team members
- Documented all client interactions in accordance with state and federal regulations

Entry Level Counselor, 1999-2000

Center Point Inc., San Rafael CA

- Directed client supervision and coordination of daily activities
- Maintained facility in accordance with internal and state licensing regulations
- Worked with interdisciplinary team to ensure quality safe client care

Resident Assistant, 1999

Mills Peninsula Hospital, San Mateo CA

- Provided technical and secretarial support to registered nurses, unit managers, physicians and other health personnel to facilitate the care of chemically dependent patients
- Worked independently to admit and orient patients to unit

Massage Therapist, 1998-1999

Mills Peninsula Hospital, San Mateo CA

- Therapeutic massage provided on an inpatient and outpatient basis
- Client education on disease prevention and management
- Built and maintained client relationships
- Documented all client care through utilization of SOAP format

EDUCATION

Bachelors of Science in Nursing, May 2007
Samuel Merritt College, Oakland CA
Magna Cum Laude, with a GPA of 3.78 on a 4.0 scale

Clinical Sites Included:

Alameda County Office of Public Health, spring 2007, 108 hours
Kaiser Permanente, Walnut Creek, Critical Care Pediatric Unit, fall 2006, 108 hours
Summit Medical Center, Oakland, Critical Care Unit, fall 2006, 108 hours
Alta Bates Medical Center, Labor & Deliver, Post Partum, spring 2006, 108 hours
Kaiser Permanente, Oakland, Medical Surgical Oncology Unit, spring 2006, 108 hours
Summit Medical Center, Oakland, Medical Surgical Oncology Unit, fall 2006, 108 hours
Herrick Hospital, Adolescent Unit, fall 2006, 108 hours

Nursing Prerequisites, 2002-2004

Peralta Community Colleges, Alameda, Berkeley and Oakland CA

LEADERSHIP INVOLVEMENT

- Student Body Association Secretary, 2005-2007
- Class President for Bachelors of Science in Nursing, 2005-2007
- Teacher's Assistant, 2005-2006
- Member of Sigma Theta Tau, 2006-2007
- Tutor, 2005

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- Marilyn Greunke-Alford Nursing Scholarship Award, 2006-2007
- Samuel Merritt Entrance Award 2004-2007
- Samuel Merritt Faculty Scholarship, 2005-2006
- Northbrae Women's Club Scholarship 2005-2006
- Leland S. Scott Jr. Scholarship 2005-2006
- Cockcroft Scholarship 2005-2006
- The Newman Essay Award, 2004-2005

CERTIFICATIONS

- Basic Life Support, 2005
- Integration Movement Therapy and Leadership Training, 1998
- Massage Therapy and Health Education, 1997
- Myofacial Massage Therapy, 1997
- Reiki Master, 1997

References available upon request