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Professional Summary

My professional preparation as a educator and a family nurse practitioner give me a strong base in both healthcare and teaching. My experience in family medicine and emergency care provide a solid foundation for providing primary care to the people who live in the rural border region of southwest Texas. This is further augmented by my participation in yearly trips to Guatemala for medical missions that give me an understanding of the problems faced in the Hispanic community there and here in West Texas. My goal is to provide the best, most comprehensive and compassionate care I can for the patients I serve.

Education

Bachelor of Arts: History 1982
California State University - Northridge, CA

Education Certification: Secondary Social Studies 1986
Texas Tech University – Lubbock, Texas

Bachelor of Science: Nursing 1993
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center – Lubbock, Texas

Master of Science: Family Nurse Practitioner 2010
Texas Woman’s University – Houston, Texas

Certification and Licensure

Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, (APRN) Texas Board of Nursing 2011-Present
Certified: American Association of Nurse Practitioners 2011-Present

Skills

Excellent communicator
Knowledgeable of medicine
Effective Educator
Disease Prevention
Healthy Behavior promotion
Passionate Patient Advocate

Diabetes Education
Compassionate Care
Patient/family focused
Adept at prioritizing/managing deadlines
Excellent Listening Skills
Moderately fluent in Spanish

Work History

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, SCHOOL OF NURSING

Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Del Rio, Texas

09/2020 to Present

I have assisted in two clinical courses this last year. Students are new BSN students and RN to BSN students. These courses assist the students in their competency with cultural, borderland, and rural resources and challenges

FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER

Big Bend Regional Health Clinic, Alpine, Texas

01/2011 to Current

12/2021 to Present

BBRHC serves Brewster, Presidio, and Jeff Davis counties. The population is varied due to serving the border area with Mexico and having Sul Ross State University in Alpine. I have access to hospital services and home health services. The patient population is all ages, acute and chronic conditions.

Reeves County Hospital District, Pecos, Texas

11/2019 to 11/2021

Reeves County Rural Health Care Center serves the people of the towns of Pecos and Reeves and surrounding counties. The town of Pecos has a primarily Hispanic population. There is also a large population of oil field workers from around the US and Mexico working in the county and surrounding areas. Many are transient and other relocated to this region. I have access to hospital services which has expanded my medical care of patients to include labs and radiology. I work with patients who have acute care problems and chronic care problems.

Preventative Care Health Services, Presidio, Texas

06/2015 to 11/2019

This clinic serves primary care patients of the town of Presidio. The patient population is mainly Spanish speaking and either very young or very old. My practice included all areas of family care including chronic illness, acute illness, minor surgery, and emergent care. My emergency room experience has given me a good foundation for emergency management. I developed my capability managing the clinic as the sole practitioner for days at a time and became familiar with the scarce resources of this rural border region.

Rice Medical Center and Clinic, Eagle Lake, Texas

06/2011 to 11/2012

2/2013 to 06/2015

This center and clinical was my first introduction to rural family medicine as well as emergency care. Rice Medical Center consisted of a clinic and a rural hospital. My responsibilities included covering the hospital during the daytime hours with physicians in the clinic as backup. I also worked in two satellite clinics as needed. I was instrumental in having the clinic designated a diabetic outpatient teaching center. Diabetes education was one of my duties I enjoyed. ER duties included caring for ER patients and admitting them to the hospital.

Team Health, Pleasanton, California

11/2012 to 2/2013

While working at Rice Medical Center I also pursued a more intensive 3-month ER experience in a large hospital in Houston, Texas. I worked for a medical group (Team Health, Pleasanton California) who provided ER services for the Houston Hospitals. This experience helped me

understand and become very aware of what constitutes a true emergency. I returned to Rice Medical Center and continue to utilize this ER experience in my work.

SBC Clinic, Lake Jackson, Texas

04/2011 to 05/2011

I worked part-time job in a family clinic after graduation while looking for a permanent position.

Examples of Registered Nurse Experience

08/1990 to 03/2011

I have had many different types of jobs in the nursing field ranging from inpatient hospital, critical care, emergency care, to home health including bedside nursing and administrative roles. My responsibilities included carrying out orders of the medical provider for the care of patients, administering medications, wound care, IV medications, laboratory, monitoring of symptoms and progress, and educating patients regarding their disease processes and self-care. Working as a registered nurse in numerous settings and roles gave me critical thinking skills, an understanding of compassionate patient care and the ability to teach to the patient's level.

Secondary Social Studies Teacher – Houston, Texas

08/1986 to 05/1990

My assignments included educating high school students in social studies in a Houston high school. This educational experience has given me the ability to teach in front of a group and teach on various educational levels.

Community Service

Volunteer and Board member for the Food Pantry of Jeff Davis County	2008-2021
Annual Medical Mission Trips to Guatemala	2002-2019
Diabetes/Healthy Eating classes to Presidio Community	2015-2019
Board Member for the Big Bend Regional Hospital District	2016-2019
Texas Master Naturalist	2019
Volunteer with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	2019