

Work Experience: Patient Care Nurse Assistant, Marymount Hospital



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INTRODUCTION

Hi, my name is Lauren Lee. I am a biology and chemistry double major and psychology minor at Cleveland State University. I am also on the Pre-Anesthesiologist Assistant pre-professional track. Starting in the Summer of 2021, I worked as a Patient Care Nurse Assistant (PCNA) at Marymount Hospital. I found this PCNA job through the Cleveland Clinic's website.

OBJECTIVES

- Improve communication skills
- Improve teamwork skills
- Gain patient experience
- Become familiar working in a hospital setting
- Network

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Report abnormal findings to the nurse
- Assist patients with personal care and activities of daily living
- Check blood glucose levels
- Perform vital signs
- Document in Epic
- Present positive attitudes
- Make sure all the patients are comfortable
- Float to other units when needed



Figure 1. Accu-Chek Blood Glucose Meter



Figure 2. Vital Sign Monitor

APPLICATION OF COURSE CONTENT

- BIO 266 Human Anatomy & Physiology I
- BIO 268 Human Anatomy & Physiology II
- CHM 402 Biochemistry
- HSC 203 Medical Terminology
- BIO 390 Writing in Biology I



Figure 3. Marymount Hospital

CONCLUSIONS

In conclusion, I really enjoyed my time at the Marymount Hospital. I met a lot of great patients and worked with a lot of great nurses. I gained a lot of useful skills that I could apply to my future profession. I got the patient experience and shadowing experience that I wanted. I highly recommend having a PRN position to balance your school and work schedules. From this PCNA experience, I learned that teamwork and communication are very important in healthcare.



Figure 4. Up Next: Become an Anesthesiologist Assistant

FUTURE WORK

I graduate from Cleveland State University in Spring 2023, and I plan on attending a Master of Science in Anesthesia program. From there, I hope to work as an anesthesiologist assistant.

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