

# Sarah Smith

Nurse Intern Med Surg

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## SUMMARY

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Compassionate Registered Nurse (RN), BSN with 3 years of acute-care experience in medical-surgical settings. Skilled in clinical assessment, medication administration including IV therapy, and interdisciplinary care coordination while adhering to hospital policies, procedures, and regulations to ensure compliance and patient safety. Proven focus on patient safety and quality improvement with experience contributing to fall-prevention and discharge-efficiency initiatives through direct patient care on busy med-surg units. Seeking a staff RN position on a med-surg or step-down unit to apply clinical judgment in direct patient care and support positive patient outcomes.

## EXPERIENCE

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### Staff Registered Nurse — Medical-Surgical Unit

May '25 — Apr '26

Hospital / Employer (insert name)

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- Provide direct bedside nursing care for a diverse med-surg patient population, delivering direct patient care while adhering to unit policies and applicable regulations to promote compliance and patient safety. Perform focused assessments, monitor vital signs, and manage care plans for patients with acute medical and post-operative needs.
- Administer medications, IV therapies, and blood products using barcode medication administration to ensure safety and compliance with medication regulations. Maintain accurate medication administration records to support patient safety and regulatory requirements.
- Coordinate multidisciplinary discharge planning with case managers and physicians to support safe transitions and reduce readmissions, maintaining compliance with discharge policies and relevant care regulations.
- Participate in unit quality-improvement activities focused on falls prevention and infection control, aligning with hospital policies and regulatory standards to protect patient safety. Contributed to a documented reduction in fall incidents by X% over Y months.

### Charge / Float Nurse — Medical-Surgical / Telemetry

Jul '24 — Apr '25

Hospital / Employer (insert name)

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- Assumed charge responsibilities during assigned shifts, delegating tasks and managing nurse-to-patient assignments in alignment with unit policies and regulations to ensure workflow efficiency and patient safety.
- Precepted and mentored new hires and orienting nurses on unit protocols and EHR documentation, emphasizing compliance with regulatory requirements and patient safety practices. Supported competency-based assessments and onboarding processes.
- Monitored telemetry strips and recognized rhythm changes requiring escalation, initiating rapid response per policy and regulatory guidelines while collaborating with the interdisciplinary team for timely interventions that safeguard patient safety.
- Led bedside patient/family education for discharge instructions and medication teaching, reinforcing adherence to care plans and safety regulations to improve adherence and post-discharge outcomes.

### Per Diem / Float Registered Nurse — Med-Surg & Short-Stay

Jan '22 — Jul '24

Clinic / Hospital (insert name)

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- Supported staffing needs across med-surg and short-stay units, adapting quickly to unit-specific workflows while maintaining consistent charting accuracy in accordance with documentation policies and regulations to uphold compliance and patient safety.
- Performed medication reconciliation at admission and discharge to reduce medication discrepancies.
- Engaged in continuous professional development and completed in-service training on sepsis screening and escalation pathways, reinforcing compliance with evidence-based protocols and regulatory standards for safe, direct patient care.

## SKILLS

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**Relevant Skills** Compliance, Direct Patient Care, Basic Life Support (BLS), Patient Safety, Regulations

**ICU and Critical Care** Hemodynamic monitoring, Mechanical ventilation, CRRT, Vasoactive medications, Arterial and central lines, ACLS and CCRN certifications

**Emergency Department** Triage, Trauma care, TNCC, ACLS, and PALS, Moderate sedation, Rapid sequence intubation, CEN certification

**Labor and Delivery** Electronic fetal monitoring, Intrapartum and postpartum care, Epidural assistance, Vacuum and forceps deliveries, Neonatal resuscitation

**Med-Surg** Medication administration, Wound care, Patient education, Discharge planning, Fall prevention

**Pediatrics and NICU** Neonatal resuscitation, PALS certification, Developmental care, Total parenteral nutrition, Isolette care

## PROJECTS

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**Unit Fall-Reduction Quality Improvement Project**, Unit Quality Team (placeholder) [Link](#) Sep '23 — Mar '24

- Led nursing team to audit fall incidents using policy-driven checklists to adhere to regulations and implement targeted interventions such as hourly rounding and bed alarms to improve compliance and patient safety during direct patient care.
- Used EHR incident reports and Excel to track outcomes. Achieved a documented reduction in fall rate by X% over Y months.

**Sepsis Bundle Compliance Initiative**, Clinical Quality (placeholder) [Link](#) Jan '24 — Jun '24

- Participated in implementing early-sepsis screening tools and standardised sepsis-order sets within the EHR.
- Monitored compliance and helped raise bundle adherence by X percentage points using chart audits and staff education.

## AWARDS

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**Nurse Recognition — Clinical Excellence**

Hospital / Unit Recognition (placeholder)

Aug '24

Recognized for consistent patient-centered care and contributing to unit quality-improvement efforts.

## EDUCATION

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**Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) in Nursing**, University (BSN) — [Insert institution name] Aug '17 — May '21  
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- Completed clinical rotations in medical-surgical, telemetry, and community health settings. Capstone focused on patient safety and care transitions.

## CERTIFICATIONS

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**Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS)**, American Heart Association Dec '21

**Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)**, American Heart Association Feb '22

**Trauma Nursing Core Course (TNCC)**, Emergency Nurses Association May '22

**Critical Care Registered Nurse (CCRN)**, American Association of Critical-Care Nurses Mar '23

**Certified Emergency Nurse (CEN)**, Board of Certification for Emergency Nursing Jun '24

**Basic Life Support (BLS)**, American Heart Association Aug '25

## VOLUNTEERING

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**Volunteer Nurse / Health Educator**, Community Health Clinic (placeholder) Jun '22 — Aug '22

Provided basic triage, patient education, and vaccination support during community clinics. Assisted with intake screening and health-education materials to improve access to care.