

Joanne Thorn

OBJECTIVE:

Compassionate and dedicated Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) with extensive experience providing high-quality patient care in hospital, outpatient, long-term care, pediatric, primary care, and specialty clinic settings. Skilled in patient assessment, medication administration, care coordination, patient education, and multidisciplinary collaboration. Proven ability to adapt quickly in float nurse assignments while maintaining exceptional patient outcomes and compliance with healthcare standards.

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATION:

- Licensed Practical Nurse with experience in acute care, primary care, specialty clinics, pediatrics, and long-term care
- Strong clinical assessment and patient monitoring skills
- Experienced float nurse with the ability to adapt to multiple healthcare environments
- Knowledge of cardiology, podiatry, plastic surgery, and primary care practices
- Skilled in medication administration, treatments, wound care, and documentation
- Strong patient advocacy and patient education abilities
- Effective communicator with patients, families, physicians, and interdisciplinary teams
- Proficient in electronic medical records (EMR/EHR) Epic and Power Chart systems
- Experienced in managing diverse patient populations, including veterans, pediatric, adult, and geriatric patients
- Strong organizational, critical thinking, and time management skills

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

04/1996 – 09/2026 **LPN**

Kaleida Health, Buffalo, NY

- Floated between multiple departments such as Oncology, Hospice, Medical Surgery, Orthopedic, Renal, Dialysis, and Emergency Room, providing nursing support based on staffing and patient needs.
- Delivered direct patient care in Long-Term Care (LTC), Pediatric, Primary Care, Cardiology, Podiatry, and Plastic Surgery settings.
- Administered medications and treatments in accordance with physician orders and nursing standards.
- Assisted with specialty procedures, patient preparation, and post-procedure care.
- Performed phlebotomy services including venipuncture, specimen collection, and preparation of samples for laboratory analysis across multiple clinical departments.
- Demonstrated proficiency in obtaining blood specimens from pediatric, adult, and geriatric patient populations while maintaining patient comfort and safety.
- Performed patient assessments and documented findings accurately in the EMR.
- Provided patient and family education regarding treatment plans, medications, and follow-up care.
- Collaborated with healthcare teams to ensure continuity and quality of patient care.
- Maintained flexibility and efficiency while adapting to various patient populations and clinical environments.

11/1992 – 04/1996 **LPN**

Buffalo VAMC, Buffalo, NY

- Provided comprehensive nursing care to veteran patients in outpatient and specialty clinic settings.
- Performed patient assessments, vital signs monitoring, medication administration, and treatments.
- Assisted providers with examinations, procedures, and patient care planning.
- Educated patients regarding diagnoses, treatment plans, medications, and preventative health measures.
- Maintained accurate and timely documentation in electronic medical records.
- Coordinated care with physicians, specialists, and interdisciplinary healthcare teams.
- Monitored patient conditions and reported significant changes to providers promptly.
- Ensured compliance with VA policies, infection control standards, and patient safety protocols.

EDUCATION and TRAINING:

Bachelor's Degree – Health Science Administration

Bryant & Stratton College, Getzville, NY

LPN Certification

Erie 1 BOCES, Buffalo, NY

High School Diploma

North Tonawanda Senior High School, North Tonawanda, NY