Gina W​hitehead, MSN, APRN, CCHP, PNP-C

Pediatric Nurse Practitioner

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**Professional Summary**

Highly motivated and organized pediatric nurse practitioner seeking a position in an environment where evidence-based and holistic practice will be effectively utilized in treating patients and promoting overall health and wellbeing.

Possesses 33 years combined of nursing and advanced practice experience in pediatrics, case management, and psychiatry. Strong communication, language skills and customer service skills.

**Certifications & Licenses**

* Utah Advance Practice Registered Nurse License - #217093-4405
* Certified Correctional Health Professional | National Commission of Correctional Health Care (NCCHC)
* Board Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner | AANP
* Utah Licensed Registered Nurse - #217093-3102
* BLS, ACLS & PALS Certified | American Heart Association

**Professional Experience**

**Nurse Practitioner – University of Utah College of Nursing/Juvenile Justice Center, Salt Lake City, UT**

December 2016 – Present

* Provides advanced practice care to pediatric patients for youth in custody at Mill Creek Youth Center, Farmington Bay Youth Center and Weber Valley Detention
* Conducts assessments, orders and interprets diagnostic testing, and diagnoses and treats patients from ages 10 to 21 years old utilizing evidence-based practice
* Manages patients presenting with chronic conditions such as asthma, autism, diabetes, laryngomalacia, and constipation, and acute conditions such as otitis media, strep throat, gastroenteritis, and RSV
* Performs wellness visits, paying specific attention to proper growth and development of children to recognize developmental issues early and provide appropriate interventions and therapies
* Demonstrates commitment to quality and evidence-based practice through committee participation on the Quality Improvement Committee ensuring that compliance with the NCCHC standards is met
* Maintains professional knowledge through continuing education, reviewing professional publications, and participating in professional societies
* Utilized electronic medical records, ensuring detailed and current comprehensive documentation of assessments, care plans, medications, and patient specific education

**Registered Nurse – Case Manager, ​Iasis Healthcare, Layton, UT**

June 2013 – December 2016

* Performed patient insurance reviews utilizing Milliman and Interqual programs
* Reviewed medical appropriateness of services provided to members, performing screenings related to authorization requests for members
* Closely collaborated with physicians, nurses, social workers, and a wide range of medical and non- medical professionals working to meet complex patient needs from admission to discharge
* Attended and conducted Case Management and Staffing meetings
* Care Management in the Emergency Room which involved checking cultures and X-ray reports
* Assisted patients with navigating the healthcare system by recommending community resources, advocating for patient, and liaising with other medical professionals

**Registered Nurse – Pediatric & Adult Psychiatry, Mckay Dee Hospital​, ​Ogden, UT**

June 1996 – March 2013

* Managed nursing care of pediatric, adult, and geriatric psychiatric patients with a focus on bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, psychosis, depressive disorders, anxiety disorders, and addiction by assessing patients’ physical and mental status in outpatient and inpatient settings
* Worked closely with MHTs, RNs, psychiatrists, social workers, case managers, and medical doctors/providers to care for patients experiencing acute psychiatric crises
* Facilitated therapeutic communication, conflict resolution, and crisis intervention by redirecting negative behaviors and helping patients regain or improve coping abilities to prevent further disability
* Maintained a safe environment for patients who may be a harm to self or others by use of established protocols for patient safety and per provider order
* Provided leadership in nursing as a preceptor to students and newly hired nurses, CNAs, and Psych Technicians, ensuring policies, procedures, and unit expectations are understood

**Education**

**Master of Science in Nursing** (PNP) – *University of South Alabama, Mobile, ​AL*

Graduated December 2016

**Specialty Practica in MSN Program**

Northern Utah Pediatrics, Ogden, UT, Trisha Rafferty MD – 180 hours

Wee Care Pediatrics, Layton, UT, Kurtis Smith FNP – 180 hours

Wasatch ENT, St George, UT, Dr. Scott Majors – 180 hours

Tanner Clinic Syracuse and Kaysville, Syracuse & Kaysville, UT, Dr. Noel Nye & Nicole Stapley DNP – 180 hours

**Bachelor of Science in Nursing** – *Weber​ State University, Ogden, UT*

Graduated June 2013

**Associate of Science in Nursing** – *Weber​ State University, Ogden, UT*

Graduated May 1987

**Organizations**

* American Association of Nurse Practitioners
* Utah Nurse Practitioners
* National Commission of Correctional Health Care
* National Association of Nurse Practitioners