

Katherine Plyler

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OBJECTIVE

Having the opportunity to become a member of the Nursing Faculty at Kauai Community College, giving back to our island community, helping develop the next generation of healthcare workers.

QUALIFICATIONS

Registered Nurse with over ten years of critical care experience, receiving stellar recommendations from administrators, peers, and patients based on my emergent and critical care skills, desire to learn and teach, flexibility, & team mentality. TNCC instructor to adult nurse learners. Currently completing the University of Hawaii Masters in Nursing Program to achieve my dream of becoming a full-time Kauai Community College Nursing Professor.

- ❖ Specialized in Emergency Medicine and Medical, Surgical/Trauma, Neuro, and Cardiac ICUs for ten years; recognizing various illnesses from sepsis, stroke, cardiac anomalies, and trauma complications, as well as familiar with bedside procedures, medications, and specialized care for emergent patients.
- ❖ BLS and TNCC adult nurse instructor per the recommendation of KVMH administration and peers.
- ❖ Fluent in both Spanish and Sign Language. Cultural respect and competency in diverse environments.
- ❖ Nominated to join Sigma Nursing Honor Society and esteemed invitation to be a UH
- ❖ Contributing member to the Kauai Rural Health Association, creating ways to reach all those on Kauai.
- ❖ Considered a teacher among my peers. Served as a preceptor for nursing students & new hires. Experience coaching High School and Youth Basketball and Teaching for K-12 students and Girl Scouts.
- ❖ Ability to multitask by prioritizing tasks and responsibilities, establishing time management and organizational skills to ensure superior patient care, even in a busy, ever changing environment.
- ❖ Strong interpersonal and communication skills to enhance rapport with both patients and staff. Appreciated by families and patients, always taking the time to simply explain and support them.

EDUCATION

Masters in Nursing, August 2022
University of Hawaii, Manoa
Cumulative Nursing GPA: 4.0

Bachelor of Science in Nursing: Accelerated Nursing Program, May 2010
California State University, San Marcos
Cumulative Nursing GPA: 3.7 & Leadership Award

Bachelor of Arts in Communications: Media Studies and Production, May 2003
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

LICENSURES & CERTIFICATIONS

- ❖ **Hawaii Registered Nursing License #RN-89796**
- ❖ **TNCC Instructor** - Expires June 2025
- ❖ **ACLS** - Expires February 2024
- ❖ **PALS** - Expires March 2024
- ❖ **AHA BLS Instructor** – Expires February 2023

WORK & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Vaccination Clinic & Critical Care PRN Registered Nurse

April 2021 – Present

Kauai Veterans Medical Center & Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospital, Kauai, HI

- ◆ Worked in the Kauai Mass Vaccination Clinic, working to help immunize our community to help end the COVID pandemic on Kauai. Perhaps the most rewarding nursing experience I have had in my career. Considered highly impressive to the Kauai Regional Administrators who have asked me to continue working while in Grad School.

Westside Girls Youth Basketball Coach

March 2022 – Present

Westside Girls Basketball Club, Westside Kauai, HI

- ◆ Volunteering as a Youth Girls Basketball Coach with young girls in grades 3 through 8. Work to teach our players discipline, hard-work, teamwork, and focus through the skills of basketball. Teaching our players that while winning is fun, developing into outstanding members of our Kauai community is the most important goal we can achieve.

Girl Scout Nurse Volunteer and Health Fair Coordinator

January 2021 - Present

Kauai Girl Scouts, Kauai, HI

- ◆ Volunteering with the Girl Scouts of Kauai as a nurse volunteer, creating and am coordinated the First Annual Kauai Girl Scout Health Fair, teaching the girls pertinent health skills and education and aiding them in creating a presentation to provide to our community at our annual event. Utilizing the “see one, do one, teach one” method of learning.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Member

October 2021 - Present

Emergency Nurse Association, Professional Organization

- ◆ Currently serving on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, assessing nursing protocols and nursing school curriculums to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion and developing techniques to integrate into the systems.

Nurse Mentor Volunteer

October 2021 – Present

American Nurse Association, Professional Organization

- ◆ Serve as a nurse mentor through my membership with the American Nurse Association. Work with fellow nurses in Hawaii to share my experience and knowledge as they navigate through their own nursing journey, also learning and growing from my mentee’s experiences and knowledge and having the opportunity to make friends throughout Hawaii.

Critical Care Registered Nurse

January 2021– March 2021

O’Connor Hospital, San Jose, CA

- ◆ Worked as a traveling ICU nurse during the COVID-19 pandemic helping in an overwhelmed area. Utilized critical care and critical thinking skills with patients recovering from COVID. Floated to other departments to provide care and be a team player. Enhanced my knowledge of COVID-19 and the benefits of proning and new antiviral drugs.

Emergency Room Registered Nurse

March 2019 – December 2020

Wilcox Medical Center, Lihue, HI

- ◆ Worked in the ER, navigating COVID-19 assessments, precautions, and care of the patient and families. Additionally caring for various emergent conditions, serving our community members through various emergent and urgent concerns. Frequently served as the triage nurse, honing my skills to quickly determine acuity and appropriate protocol.

Critical Care Traveling Registered Nurse

March 2016 – February 2019

Intensive Care Unit & Emergency Room

- ◆ Worked as a full time Travel Nurse in both the ER and ICU in various facilities across the United States, including Kauai and Hawaii islands Utilized my skills to coordinate critical care in a variety of settings. Most enjoyed serving a smaller communities, always considering and respecting of the local culture of my patients, particularly in Hawaii.

COMPUTER SKILLS

Skilled in Microsoft Office Programs, including Excel & Powerpoint

Epic, Cerner, Sorian and Meditech Computer Charting Software

Typing skills: 90+ words per minute

Able to learn new computer skills and programs quickly