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**EDUCATION**

**University of Southern California – BS in Nursing**

**3.4 GPA**

**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Legal Nurse Consulting – Total 2 years

→ Criminal Defense – 2 years

→ Civil Law – 1 year

Clinical – Total 10 years

→ Emergency – 6 years

→ Trauma – 4 years

→ Critical Care – 1 year

Medical Consulting – Total 18 months

→ Orthopedics – 1 year

→ Wound Care – 6 months

**SPECIALTY CERTIFICATIONS**

→ Certified Legal Nurse Consultant

→ Qualified to testify as an expert witness in California

→ UC Riverside Forensic Nursing Certificate

(In progress, completion expected in 2012)

**CERTIFICATIONS PREVIOUSLY HELD**

→ Trauma Nurse Core Curriculum (TNCC)

→ Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)

→ Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)

→ Basic Life Support (BLS)

**EXPERIENCE**

**University Park Legal Nurse Consulting – Saint Helena, CA**

**2009 – present**

Legal Nurse Consultant/President

- Provide support in legal cases involving medical care, including analysis, research, merit screening and medical record review.
- Experience in:
  - Criminal defense
  - Medical malpractice
  - Elder abuse
  - Personal Injury
  - Workman's Compensation

**American Nursing Services – Santa Rosa, CA**

**2009 – 2009**

Registry Nurse – Emergency Services

- Support local hospitals in their Emergency Departments
- Perform autonomous duties as an Emergency Room RN

**Sonoma Orthopedic Products (Start-up) – Santa Rosa, CA**

**2008 – 2009**

Clinical Nurse Consultant/Device Sales

- Clinical training of orthopedic surgeons and field sales representatives.
- Event planning and implementation of sales and bioskills events

**Kinetic Concepts Inc. (KCI) – North San Francisco Bay Area**

**2007 – 2008**

Clinical Nurse Consultant/Device Sales

- Sales and education of extended care staff on the proper utilization of KCI's Wound VAC System.
- Event planning and implementation of full day educational seminars

**Queen of the Valley Medical Center – Napa, CA**

**2007 – 2007**

Staff RN – Emergency Department

- Independent and autonomous care of critically ill and injured, trauma patients and pediatrics.

**Stanford University Medical Center – Palo Alto, CA**

2002 – 2005

Charge Nurse / Staff RN IV – Emergency Department

- Duties included Charge Nurse, Trauma Nurse, Float Nurse
- Headed the department-wide education on the Logicare Computer System update.

**American Medical Response – Santa Clara/San Mateo Counties**

2003 – 2004

Employment as a CCT RN

- Independent care of the critically ill under standard orders of a physician.
- Care included geriatric, pediatric, OB/GYN and psychiatric patients
- Care involved ventilators, multiple infusions, cardiac and fetal monitoring.

**ADDITIONAL MEDICAL EXPERIENCE**

- Nursing Assistant at UCLA Medical Center 3 months in 2000
- Emergency Medical Technician for California Medical Transport 6 months in 1995

**AFFILIATIONS**

- Sigma Theta Tau – International Nursing Honor Society
- National Alliance of Certified Legal Nurse Consultants
- American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants
- International Association of Forensic Nurses
- Emergency Nurses Association
- USC Chair's Circle – Fall 2000

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

- Coach for *Girls on the Run* Napa Valley
- USC Nursing Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

**CULTURAL EXPERIENCE**

- Ten month residency in Norway, attended Norwegian School
- Extensive travel in Western Europe, Great Britain, Scandinavia and North America
- Four years of college level Spanish and extensive travel in Mexico and Spain
- One week immersion program in Cuernavaca, Mexico

**PUBLICATIONS**

- Godoy, T. M. (2011, Summer). Reading Medical Records: A Primer for Attorneys. (D. Byrd, & K. L. Bradley, Eds.) Florida Defender, 23(2), pp. 38-40.
- Godoy, T. M. (2011, July/August). Reading Medical Records: A Primer for Attorneys. (J. R. Potter, Ed.) The Oregon Defense Attorney, 32(4), pp. 12-13.