JULIAN MERCER

PEDIATRIC NURSE

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Pediatric Registered Nurse with 8+ years in inpatient and outpatient pediatrics, certified through the PNCB. Cares for children from infancy through adolescence with asthma, diabetes, and post-surgical needs. Makes procedures less frightening with child life partners and gives parents clear, confident teaching.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Pediatric Registered Nurse, Medical Unit Aug 2021 - Present
Children's Hospital Colorado, Aurora, CO

- Care for 4 to 5 children per shift on a general pediatric floor, including asthma, bronchiolitis, and new-onset diabetes admissions.
- Calculate weight-based doses and double-check high-alert medications with a second nurse, with zero reportable medication events in 2025.
- Taught new-onset diabetes families insulin dosing, carb counting, and glucose monitoring over 3 sessions, with a 100% teach-back pass before discharge.
- Partner with child life specialists on distraction plans for IVs and lab draws, which reduced the number of two-nurse restraint situations.
- Run the unit's asthma action plan review at discharge, helping families leave with a written plan and spacer technique demonstrated.
- Use PEWS scoring each shift and escalated three early deterioration cases that avoided ICU transfer.

Pediatric Registered Nurse, Urgent Care Jun 2019 - Jul 2021
Denver Health, Denver, CO

- Triaged and treated 25 to 30 children a day, from fevers and fractures to dehydration, in a high-volume pediatric urgent care.
- Started IVs on small children, with a first-attempt success rate over 85% on the unit's tracking log.
- Administered immunizations during well-child visits and updated vaccine records to support school entry.
- Screened families for food and housing needs, and referred them to clinic social workers with documented follow-up.

Registered Nurse, Pediatric Clinic Jul 2018 - May 2019
Kaiser Permanente Colorado, Lakewood, CO

- Rooming and assessing patients in a busy pediatric clinic, taking growth measurements, vitals, and developmental screening.
- Called families with test results and follow-up instructions, completing 40+ calls a day within the clinic's service window.
- Supported provider visits with vaccine administration, lead screening, and hearing and vision checks.

CORE SKILLS

Weight-based dosing | Pediatric IV access | PEWS assessment | Asthma education | Diabetes teaching | Child life collaboration | Family-centered care | Pediatric immunization | Developmental screening | Epic | Pain assessment in children | Safe discharge teaching | Growth and nutrition

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, Aurora, CO

CERTIFICATIONS

Registered Nurse (RN), Colorado State Board of Nursing | Certified Pediatric Nurse (CPN), PNCB | PALS and BLS, American Heart Association