

McKenna Parker Evans RN, BSN, MPH

CERTIFICATIONS

Licensure: RN #259513

BLS Certified through the American Heart Association

EDUCATION

Master of Public Health (MPH), November 2018, 4.0 GPA

Purdue Global University

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), May 2016

Berry College in Rome, Georgia

RECENT EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCES

Piedmont Healthcare

Surveillance and Analysis Infection Preventionist (August 2021-Present)

- I perform the surveillance and analysis of healthcare associated infections for Piedmont Cartersville, Piedmont Mountainside, Piedmont Eastside, Piedmont Eastside South, and Piedmont Rockdale Hospitals. I identify National Healthcare Safety Network (CDC NHSN) defined MRSA, C. difficile, surgical site, central line associated, and catheter associated infections within the hospital setting. I am responsible for reporting all infections to NHSN, Center for Medicare/Medicaid Services (CMS), Leapfrog, and Quality Health Improvement Program (QHIP). I evaluate the effectiveness of quality improvement programs on infection outcomes. I develop quality improvement programs and staff trainings on quality improvement techniques. I currently chair the Piedmont Healthcare MRSA Prevention Committee.

Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center

Utilization Management Nurse (January 2021-August 2021)

- Initiated invasive cardiac procedure, endoscopy procedure, and surgical procedure prior authorizations with insurance payors on behalf of our patients, physicians, and Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center, Piedmont Walton Hospital, Piedmont Rockdale Hospital, and Piedmont Newton Hospital. Advocated for our patients to have their invasive and surgical procedures approved and covered by their health insurance payor. Provided clinical assessment and documentation support for the necessity of our surgical and invasive procedures. Completely overhauled the new employee training for the position including creating a remote training program plan, new training materials, and new on-the-job resource manuals. Additionally, trained three new nurse employees since beginning this position in January. This training plan and materials are still used by the system today.

Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center

Infection Preventionist (January 2018-January 2021)

- Oversaw the Infection Prevention program for a 350-bed facility and associated outpatient and ambulatory centers. I lead the Infection Prevention Committee in addition to the Piedmont System Lab ID-MRSA HAI reduction program. I also assist with new employee orientation training, I provide education and training for staff and physicians in Infection Prevention and Control initiatives, provide Infection Prevention oversight for construction and engineering activities, and lead Infection Prevention accreditation activities and management of associated risk assessment as well as the Piedmont Athens Infectious Disease Unit and all associated trainings. Training activities and material included didactic lecture, demonstration, virtual online trainings, and creating written course materials.

Athens Regional Medical Center

Registered Nurse + Charge Nurse (Nephrology/Urology/Gynecology (July 2016 – January 2018)

- Oversaw patient care for 5 nephrology/urology/gynecology patients and coordinated the staff schedule for 11-night shift nurses.
- Administered medication, performed hourly assessments, documented patient medical records, provided patient and family education, oversaw patient admission & discharge, and coordinated additional patient care with other hospital units and facilities.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Laboratory Preparedness and Response Branch: Office Assistant/IHRC Contractor

- Assisted in the development and production of Sentinel Hospital and Reference Laboratory Safety videos and Laboratory Processes Work. Laboratory videos are designed to be used by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Laboratory Response Network (LRN) and CDC labs such as Viral Special Pathogens. Laboratory videos included: Laboratory PPE Donning and Doffing; FBI Swab Sampling; Waste Disposal; Waste Decontamination Procedure
- Edited scripts and demonstration actor for laboratory video: “Sample Processing of Federal Bureau of Investigation Threat Letters”, “Decontamination Procedures for Biological Safety Cabinets”, “Biological Waste Disposal”, “Decontamination Following a Biological Spill”
- Scripted Laboratory Preparedness and Response Branch Agent Specific Annual Training Videos (*Bacillus anthracis*, *Yersinia Pestis*, *Brucella spp.*, *Francisella Tularensis*)

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Ebola Communication:

I contributed to and provided editing for “FACT SHEET: Update on the Ebola Response, The White House Briefing Room Statements and Release”, November 30th 2014, for Luis Lowe, MS, MPH, Currently Deputy Associate Director for Science, CDC/NCHHSTP/Division of Viral Hepatitis. Contribution recognized by Inger Damon, MD, PhD, Toby Merlin, MD, Pierre Rollins, MD, Honorable Ernie Fletcher, MD.

Training modalities:

I have experience in didactic classroom, virtual training classroom and augmented reality training and instruction delivery formats. I was selected to participate in an experimental augmented reality Ebola Training with Emory University National Emerging Special Pathogen Training and Education Center and provide feedback on the training.

I have experience in using and posting to Learning Management System portals, such as HealthStreams, D2L Brightspace, and Canvas LMS.

Training video editing & narration:

- Scripted video training for Korea CDC BSL-4 training: Entry, Egress and Emergency Egress (Summer 2016)
- “Bioterrorism Bugs” video. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Public Health Image Library, Web. 2013.
- “Sample Processing” script for Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/Federal Bureau of Investigation interactive video training modules (Summer 2012); Narrator for CDC Laboratory Response Network interactive video training modules: *Bacillus anthracis* and *Yersinia pestis* online training (Summer 2011).

Abbey Hospice

Patient Care Volunteer (2016-2017)

PERTINENT CONFERENCES

National Healthcare Safety Network

- Completed NHSN annual Infection Prevention training (2018)

National Emerging Special Pathogen Training and Education Center (NETEC)

- Completed NETEC training at Emory Healthcare (2018)

Statewide Program for Infection Control and Epidemiology

- Completed SPICE 2 training at University of North Carolina Chapel Hill (2019)

Statewide Program for Infection Control and Epidemiology

- Completed SPICE 1 training at University of North Carolina Chapel Hill (2020)

STUDENT CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Floyd Medical Center Preceptorship (Cardiac Care Unit): March 2016 - April 2016:

Provided patient care, three 12-hour shift per week, in the CCU. Administered medication, documented patient medical records, intra-hospital code team member, and performed post-mortem care.

Floyd Medical Center & Redmond Regional Medical Center: September 2014 - March 2016:

Performed clinical rotations in Medical/Surgical, Orthopedics, Operating Room, Wound Care, Labor and Delivery, NICU, Pediatrics, Post-Partum, Hospice, Geriatric, Mental Health, Cardiac Step-Down, Critical Care, and Intensive Care Units.

STUDY ABROAD NURSING EXPERIENCE

San Jose, Costa Rica: May 2015

- Worked in various units of the National Children's Hospital: Burn unit, Orthopedic unit, Emergency room, Outpatient surgery, etc. Assisted with nursing care and patient interviews.
- Served at the Hogar Cuna orphanage evaluating the children's ages, stages and developing a care plan to be continued by the staff to help the children reach developmental stages.