

Melissa Bruton

Objective: To continue with my passion as a LVN/CST. I will continue my education in my area of study and build on managerial skills with an end result of a master's degree. I am currently working on my Bachelor's degree for Healthcare Administration at UHV.

Summary: I have been a department head for 17 years at Wharton County Junior College. I am passionate about what I do. I am also an experienced and competent LVN, CST with the ability to support the surgical staff from pre-op to post-op.

Experience:

8/17 to Present: Houston Community College

Program Director Surgical Technology

- Supervise and guide the development of curriculum changes in the Surgical Technology Program.
- Prepare budget request and supervise the execution of the program budget to promote quality instruction.
- Instruct students in both classroom and clinical settings.
- Work closely with Affiliated Facilities and Advisory Committee and other external organizations.
- Represent the college in a professional manner in community affairs.

9/00 to 8/17: Wharton County Junior College

Director/Instructor of Surgical Technology Program

- Supervise and guide the development of curriculum changes in the Surgical Technology Program.
- Prepare budget request and supervise the execution of the program budget to promote quality instruction.
- Instruct students in both classroom and clinical settings.
- Work closely with Affiliated Facilities and Advisory Committee and other external organizations.
- Represent the college in a professional manner in community affairs.

1/09 to Present Oakbend Medical Center - Richmond, Texas

Certified Surgical Technologist

- Worked in surgery, on call doing whatever surgery came through the door. From General surgery to Cardiovascular.
- Worked in Labor and Delivery scrubbing C-Sections.
- Pull supplies for case, open room, scrub and set up cases.
- Assist surgeons during surgical procedures as well as endoscopy; i.e., holding retraction, holding camera to follow surgeon during laparoscopic cases, cutting sutures and placing dressings as directed by surgeon.

8/95 to 9/00

Columbus Community Hospital - Columbus, Texas

Licensed Vocational Nurse

- Prepare patients for surgery by following orders; i.e., start I.V. and antibiotics, check chart for consents, lab work, x-rays and physicals.
- Pull supplies for case, open room, scrub and set up cases.
- Assist surgeons during surgical procedures as well as endoscopy; i.e., holding retraction, holding camera to follow surgeon during laparoscopic cases, cutting sutures and placing dressings as directed by surgeon.
- Worked in PACU and recovered patients after surgery from admission to discharge.
- Anticipate how many ophthalmic cases during a month and order supplies accordingly.

1994 to 1999

Bellville General Hospital

ER/MCU/OB Nurse - Licensed Vocational Nurse

- Served full time and prn during this period.
- Went to evenings and eventually the day shift as a med/surg/ER/MCU/OB L&D/PACU nurse.
- Worked the outpatient department which included endoscopies EGD and Colonoscopies, Bronchoscopies, preparing patients for surgeries and recovered patients from admission to discharge.
- Worked the Surgery Department scrubbing and assisting in cases; i.e., general surgery, ortho, ENT, ophthalmology.

1993 to 1994

San Jacinto College Surgical Tech Program - Pasadena, Texas

Two Year Leading Students through Clinical Instruction

- Instructed students in surgery at remote hospital locations - St. Joseph, Ben Taub, LBJ, Pasadena General and Bayshore Hospitals.
- Developed testing for clinical areas.
- Graded procedure cards on a daily basis.
- Evaluated progress and reported to college.

7/91 to 1/93

Ben Taub General Hospital

Licensed Vocational Nurse

- Circulated different services; i.e., General Surgery, CV, plastics, ophthalmology, orthopaedics, neuro, ENT and GU.
- Served as part of Trauma Team.
- Scrub nurse on above services.

9/89 to 7/91 **West Houston Medical Center - Houston, Texas**
Nurses Aide

- Worked as CNA while going to school on a Skilled Nursing Unit then progressed to Graduate Vocational Nurse and became licensed.

Education: **University of Houston Victoria, Healthcare Administration in progress**

Wharton County Junior College, Associate in Arts 2009

Sarasota Technical College, Surgical Technology CST 2007

Memorial City Medical Center School of Vocational Nursing-Houston, Texas
1990 Licensed Vocational Nurse

Professional Organizations/Memberships:

- **AST member**
- **AORN member**