

April 3, 2009

Dear College of Graduate Studies:

It gives me great pleasure to provide an exceptional reference for Ms. Allison Peters, RN, BSN, for graduate studies at the University of Central Florida. I have known Ms. Peters for two years in her capacity as staff RN of the operating room. Ms. Peters reports to me as Director of Surgical Services at Shands AGH, Gainesville, Florida.

Over the last 23 years, I have had the privilege to work with a number of nursing professionals and without a doubt; Ms. Peters is one of the finest. I make this judgment because of the unique way that she blends three critical elements:

1. Teamwork and leadership
2. Perioperative nursing skills and,
3. A personal desire for high achievement.

With regard to Ms. Peter's skills, one of the attractions that drew me to Ms. Peters is the way in which she interacts with patients, families, physicians and co-workers. She recognizes that she is the patient advocate; therefore, she seeks out every opportunity to increase her knowledge skills in clinical areas. When functioning as the operating room charge RN, she adapts quickly to learning additional expertise so that she can coordinate the activities within the department and staff. She works to support her team, accepts challenging assignments outside of her normal activities and she easily multitasks projects.

Ms. Peters works cooperatively with others to break down department boundaries to ensure success. She has exceptional organizational and interpersonal skills. She is very adaptable and willing to do whatever needs doing in order to help the department, patient and physicians.

There is no hesitation in my mind that Ms. Peters will be an excellent student for your graduate program. I would be happy to provide any additional information that you need. Should you need to contact me, please feel free to call me at anytime.

Sincerely,



Barbara McClenathan, RN, BSN
Director of Surgical Services
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