

Benjamin Collins

Travel Nurse

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Med-surg RN with 18 months of acute-care experience moving into travel nursing. Compact license active, BLS and ACLS current, and comfortable on Epic and Cerner. Available for 13-week contracts in the Southeast and Mountain West.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Staff RN, Medical-Surgical (Float Pool) | 2023 – Present

Palmetto Ridge Regional Hospital, Greenville, SC

- Float across 4 units (med-surg, ortho, GI, observation) with 5 to 6 patient assignments and standard 12-hour nights.
- Onboarded to a new unit in 2 shifts on average; charge nurses began requesting me for high-acuity nights within 6 months.
- Co-led a hand-off improvement project that cut missed med passes on shift change by roughly a third over one quarter.
- Trained on Epic, telemetry monitoring, and PCA pumps; pulled to step-down 2 to 3 times per month as overflow.

Nurse Extern, Acute Care | 2022 – 2023

Palmetto Ridge Regional Hospital, Greenville, SC

- Worked 24 hours per week alongside RN preceptor on a 30-bed med-surg unit during senior year of BSN program.
- Documented vitals, I&Os, and basic assessments in Epic; carried 2 patients under supervision by end of program.
- Completed competencies in foley insertion, NG care, and wound dressing changes.

EDUCATION

BSN, Clemson University School of Nursing, 2023

Licensure: RN, Compact (SC primary)

Certifications: BLS, ACLS, Telemetry Interpretation (AHA)

KEY SKILLS

- Med-surg and observation
- Telemetry basics
- IV starts and PICC line care
- Float pool flexibility
- Epic and Cerner
- 5 to 6 patient ratios
- Hand-off communication (SBAR)
- BLS, ACLS