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To Nursing,

My name is Juli N. Yamasaki. I wanted to write this note on behalf of Daniel O'Leary (Dan) to indicate how instrumental his teachings and guidance has been for me in my pursuit of my Nursing License and a position as a clinical nurse.

I precepted under Dan from April, 2014 through May 2014 in the Step Down Unit (Transitional Care Unit). I came into the unit with trepidation, because I lacked self-esteem and confidence in my abilities to care of patients in a transitional care unit setting. Dan showed me the ropes of the unit and after observation of my skills allowed me care for patients under his supervision. I left the preceptorship having practiced time management, suctioning ventilated patients, PICC line care with blood draws, administering medication, documenting care, and handling difficult family dynamics. I left my preceptorship with more confidence in my abilities to take care of patients safely and in my technical skills.

During my preceptorship, Dan encouraged me to take the NCLEX as soon as possible and to use him as a reference in any position that I may apply for in the future. I took my NCLEX and became a Registered Nurse in California in October of 2014. I applied for nursing positions as soon as I was able. I was not offered a Nursing position until June of 2015. Dan provided me with a great reference, and I was offered a position as a Rehabilitation Nurse.

I have taken care of many ventilated patients in Rehab. I thank Dan for all the patience he showed in teaching me how to care for ventilated patient each and every time.

In conclusion, I think Dan is an excellent nurse and a great teacher. He is kind, generous, and observant. He turned me into a confident, caring nurse that I am today. I hope that he is able to mentor future nurses.

Sincerely,

Juli N. Yamasaki, RN