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To Whom This May Concern,

It is with pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for my former Community Health Nursing student, Daniel Keller. He was in my ten week clinical section at The Friendship House, a residential drug and alcohol treatment program in San Francisco, California primarily for Native American clients.

Daniel demonstrated keen nursing skills and applied them to the community setting. Due to the length of this clinical rotation, I was able to observe much growth in Daniel's abilities to work on a team with clients, staff, fellow nursing students and myself. He showed initiative in the clinical setting, one example was his leadership with preparing for our groups health education presentation on foot care and hygiene.

The health education presentations that this student participated in showed his depth of research to obtain high quality content programs that were presented in a culturally sensitive manner, one such topic included cardiovascular disease including a blood pressure screening. The methods of health education teaching that Daniel and the group of students he was part of were varied and some very creative. In particular the use of and distribution of individual wallet-sized cards to document clients blood pressure readings was very effective.

As a former Kaiser Permanente Nurse Manager and as his clinical faculty, I recommend Daniel for a nursing position in your program where you are seeking new graduates that are self-initiators with strong nursing and organizational skills. He has the qualities of self motivation, critical thinking, and professionalism that I actively sought in nursing personnel that I hired for over 25 years.

Daniel articulated to me that he was most interested in working in a patient care setting where he can utilize his vast experience with information technology. While I have not worked with him in such a setting I believe that his professionalism and critical thinking skills in addition to the skills I mentioned above would make him an excellent addition to such a setting.

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