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Clinic Nurses Ready To Assess, Care and Document

Nurses are the backbone of every medical organization. In the medical clinic of Mercy Health/ Love County, your provider's office nurse is closely involved in your care, in educating you about your disease, and then following up to document your patient record.

Melissa Arguello, LPN

Melissa Arguello gained an appreciation for nursing and a competence for details in her previous employment at a nursing home. "I started out as a CNA on the night shift then went to school while working to become an LPN (licensed practical nurse). Nursing became my passion. Here at the clinic, I am doing a different kind of nursing but I love what I do."

After helping Dr. Joe Witten provide direct patient care, Arguello turns her attention to updating the patient's record, making telephone calls to arrange for further care, and taking the patient's calls to answer their questions or requests. She joined the clinic in 2017.

Next on the to-do list for the multi-tasking nurse is a November wedding! Arguello grew up in Madill and graduated from Southern Tech in 2016.



Laura Guerrero transferred from the hospital in August 2017 to join the busy practice of Family Nurse Practitioner Patricia Owens as Owens' clinic nurse. "Most patients in the hospital have chronic illnesses or emergencies, but day to day in the clinic, we see more acute sickness," Guerrero said. "I try to identify the ailment then present the patient to Pat. The job here is to treat illness immediately and prevent hospitalization."

"The clinic has been a broadening experience for me as a nurse, and I enjoy seeing patients across the age span. Pat is very energetic and gives her full attention to each person," she said. Guerrero's job is a homecoming of sorts, as Pat Owens has been the primary medical provider for Guerrero's two children, now ages 15 and 12, all their lives.

As in the hospital, where she continues to fill in on weekends, Guerrero brings a sparkling personality to her bedside manner that comforts patients and puts them at ease. The Thackerville native graduated as a licensed practical nurse from Southern Tech in 2010 and added an Associate of Science degree from Murray State College in 2015. Prior to joining the hospital/clinic, Guerrero acquired eight years of experience in a nursing home.





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