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Dear Margo,

I am writing to apply for the Registered Nurse Circulator position in the Operating Room at Carle Foundation Hospital. I am a recent nursing graduate of Lakeview College of Nursing with ten years of experience as a Certified Surgical Technologist, bringing a strong foundation in perioperative practice, surgical workflow, and patient safety to the RN circulator role.

Throughout my career as a surgical technologist, I have collaborated closely with surgeons, anesthesia providers, and nursing staff across multiple specialties. I am well versed in sterile technique, case preparation, instrumentation, positioning, surgical time-outs, and maintaining a safe operative environment. This experience has given me a clear understanding of OR dynamics and the critical role the circulator plays in ensuring efficiency, communication, and patient advocacy.

My nursing education expanded my skill set to include comprehensive patient assessment, documentation, medication safety, and evidence-based practice. Transitioning from the scrub role to the circulator role allows me to combine my technical expertise with nursing judgment, leadership, and a patient-centered approach to care.

I am drawn to the OR circulator position because it allows nurses to advocate for patients during vulnerable moments while coordinating care throughout the surgical experience. As a new graduate RN, I am highly motivated, eager to learn, and receptive to mentorship, while also offering the advantage of extensive hands-on OR experience.

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