Victor Chen

CNA | ALS & High-Acuity Neurological Care Specialist
Johns Creek, GA |

Professional Summary

Highly skilled and compassionate Certified Nursing Assistant with 12 years of specialized experience in high-level ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis) and progressive neurological care. Expert in comprehensive personal care, respiratory support assistance, and proficient operation of advanced communication and mobility devices. Dedicated to maximizing client independence, comfort, and quality of life through meticulous, anticipatory, and dignity-preserving care.

Core Competencies

- High-Level ALS & Neurological Disease Care
- Communication Device Operation & Troubleshooting: Eye-gaze systems, speech-generating devices, switch scanning
- Respiratory Support Assistance: Nebulizer treatments, CoughAssist™ machine, suctioning, BiPAP/CPAP interface care
- Power Wheelchair & Hoyer Lift Proficiency
- Enteral (PEG Tube) Feeding & Care
- Range of Motion & Spasticity Management
- Family Training & Emotional Support

Certifications & Training

- Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) – Georgia State Board, Active

- ALS Specific Care Training – Certified by The ALS Association
- CPR, First Aid, & BLS Certified – American Heart Association
- Assistive Technology Professional (ATP) Introductory Coursework
- CoughAssist™ & Mechanical Insufflation-Exsufflation Device Certified

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Professional Experience

Private Duty CNA – Specialized ALS Cases
North Fulton / Forsyth Counties, GA | 2018 – Present

- Provides full-time, live-in and shift-based care for 3 clients in the mid-to-late stages of ALS.
- Manages all aspects of daily living, including transfers, bathing, dressing, and oral care with extreme gentleness and efficiency.
- Operates and maintains clients' eye-gaze communication computers (Tobii Dynavox), ensuring they can communicate with family, access entertainment, and control their environment.
- Assists with respiratory care routines, including scheduled use of the CoughAssist™ machine and suctioning.
- Trains and supports family members on safe care techniques and device operation, serving as a calm, knowledgeable resource.

Rehabilitation Aide – Shepherd Center (ALS Clinic Support)
Atlanta, GA | 2012 – 2018

- Worked directly with the interdisciplinary ALS team, providing hands-on support during clinic days and in-patient stays.
- Gained deep proficiency in a wide range of adaptive equipment and assistive technology.
- Supported therapists with patients during evaluations and therapy sessions, focusing on maintaining function and comfort.

Assistive Technology Proficiency

- Communication: Tobii Dynavox, PRC devices, tablet-based AAC apps.

- Mobility: Permobil, Quantum power wheelchairs with tilt/recline/stand functions.
- Environmental Control: Unitron controls, Alexa/Smart Home integration for client use.
- Positioning: E-mat lifts, ceiling track systems, specialized pressure-relief mattresses.

Education

CNA Certification Program
Lanier Technical College – Oakwood, GA
Completed: 2012

Continuous Specialized Education:

- Annual ALS Association Caregiver Conference Attendee
- Workshops on: Advanced Respiratory Management, End-of-Life Care in ALS, Technology Updates

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Availability

- Schedule: Available for full-time, long-term assignments (live-in or 12-hour shifts).
- Case Preference: Seeks clients with ALS or similar high-acuity neurological conditions requiring technological support.
- Service Area: Metro Atlanta, with a willingness to relocate for the right long-term case.