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Dear Hiring Manager,

I am ecstatic to be applying for the registered nurse position at Maine Medical Center in Portland. I was able to hear about this position through my clinical instructor Rebecca Kuczynski during my senior year fall semester clinicals. Currently, I am a senior BSN student from UNE graduating in May 2025. I am very eager to be able to apply my skills in prioritization, clinical judgement and evidence-based, patient centered care as a new grad nurse, and I believe this position will help me do so.

I have often found myself being praised by my peers, patients and loved ones for my abilities in patience, active listening and showing support. At work as a phlebotomist, I've had so many interactions with patients being disgruntled with their care and immediately dismissing me as soon as I walk into their room with my little cart. One day at work, I roll into a patient room and I see a woman who turns, looks at me and immediately scoffs, complaining that yet another vampire is coming in to poke and prod her. She wasn't entirely wrong with that statement by any regard, but I took a deep breath to calm my frustration, smiled and said, "I know I have to get this blood work done for you, but how are you today?" I was expecting another wave of annoyance to come from her, but instead she got quiet and softly told me that she felt so lonely being in the hospital. I took the time to sit with her and listen to all of her frustrations and fears about her health. After speaking to me, even after I haven't said a single word in response, she held my hand and thanked me. I was able to get the blood work in a couple of minutes, safely and with no other issues. This is the exact moment that I knew, this is what I was meant to do. So often, we brush over the vulnerability we see everyday, but taking time to be present and care can make all the difference in patient outcomes. This experience, I believe, will help me be a great asset to any interprofessional healthcare team.

MaineHealth's vision, mission and values embody what I aspire to be as a nurse. I knew I embodied a patient-centered, respectable nurse who excels in providing the needs of their patient and their loved ones. I value aligning myself in a healthcare system that provides care with excellence, integrity and ethics. MaineHealth certainly is committed to those ideals, and I would be grateful to be a part of a team that fosters that. Thank you for taking the time to consider my application and look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,
Leanne I. Relej

