Madera Community College
LVN to RN Associate in Science Degree of Nursing (ADN) Program

Policy and Procedure: Military Personnel – Challenge / Advanced Placement into the Registered Nursing Program

Individuals with prior Military Health Care experience—such as Navy Hospital Corpsman, Air Force Medical Technician, Army 68-series Specialist, or Air Force Independent Duty Medical Technician—may apply for the LVN to RN Associate in Science Degree Program at Madera Community College. Applicants must hold a current, unencumbered California LVN license, obtained either through BVNPT Method 4 (military challenge) or an accredited LVN program.

Procedure:
1. **Counseling Appointment:**
   Interested applicants must schedule an appointment with a counselor *prior* to the application period to review eligibility for the LVN to RN program.

2. **Eligibility Criteria for Military Personnel and Veterans:**
   Applicants must provide:
   o DD214 showing an honorable discharge **or** current active-duty honorable service (documented by a letter from a supervisor).
   o Military transcripts (e.g., JST/SMART).
   o Relevant military training completed within the last five years.

3. **Qualified Military Roles Include (but are not limited to):**
   o Navy Hospital Corpsman
   o Air Force Medical Technician
   o Army 68-series Combat Medic Specialist
   o Air Force Independent Duty Medical Technician

4. **Required Documentation:**
   o Official transcripts from military and/or academic programs showing satisfactory coursework and clinical experience.
   o Documentation of hands-on healthcare experience.

5. **Program Requirements:**
   o Fulfillment of all general LVN to RN program admission requirements as outlined in the Madera Community College Catalog.
   o Completion of all BRN-mandated prerequisite courses.
   o A minimum score of 62% on the ATI TEAS exam.

6. **Admission Process:**
   - Admission is space-available and competitive. Qualified applicants may be placed on an alternate list if necessary.

7. **Challenge/Placement into RN 160 Course:**
   Selected applicants may challenge the RN 160 LVN to RN Transitions course.
   Requirements include:
   - Minimum 75% on four written challenge exams.
   - 90% or higher on a medication math proficiency exam (maximum two attempts).
   - Achievement of satisfactory performance through evaluations aligned with course objectives.

8. **Clinical Skills Competency**
   Applicants must demonstrate proficiency in essential nursing skills required after RN-160, including, but not limited to:
   - Head to toe physical assessment, cardiovascular assessment and neuro-geriatric focused assessment
   - Urinary catheter insertion and care
   - Tracheostomy care and suctioning
   - Nasogastric tube insertion and management.
   - Intravenous IV Insertion
   - IV Piggy back Medication Admin
   - Safe medication administration practices
   - Wound care and sterile dressing changes
   - Patient safety and infection control techniques.

   Satisfactory performance must be demonstrated through skills evaluations and check-offs that align with the course objectives of RN-160, the entry-level course for the RN program.

9. **Prerequisite Completion:**
   All ADN prerequisite courses must be completed prior to program admission.