**Policy Guidelines for Military Personnel Nursing Admission**

**Mendocino College**

Military Personnel and Veterans may be eligible for enrollment into a California Community College Associate Degree Nursing Program based on the following requirements:

1. Recency of education and experience within the last five years prior to application is recommended. However, competency may be verified for each challenged course per program policy. Competency may be confirmed by successful completion of ATI testing at a level equivalent to program standards for RN students. Costs of ATI exams are the responsibility of the students.
2. Education and experience meet the basic requirements per individual college guidelines.
3. Honorable Discharge (DD214) or current active honorable service required. Military records and transcripts must be reviewed by a college counselor.

**Pathways to assist with obtaining nursing credit for previous education and experience:**

1. Including but not limited to Basic Medical Technician (Navy Hospital Corpsman) or USAF Basic Medical Service Technician or Army Medical Specialist.
2. Challenge exam per college policy for the 1st semester of the ADN program.
3. Colleges have an established number of maximum units that can be challenged.
4. The course(s) challenged are based on the needs and prior experience of the individual requesting.
5. Candidates must meet the same eligibility requirements for admission into the ADN program as other applicants, including completion of prerequisites and general education requirements.
6. Including but not limited to Basic Medical Technician (Navy Hospital Corpsman) or USAF Basic Medical Services Technician or Army Medical Specialist with an active California LVN license (Licensed Vocational Nurse) either through challenge (BVNPT Method 4) or successful completion of an LVN program.
7. Admission credit may be given to applicants as an LVN to RN candidate per admission policies. This is normally full or partial credit for the first year of the nursing program but may vary from school to school.
8. An LVN to RN transition course is required and must be completed with a passing grade per individual program policy.
9. The program shall determine which course(s) the veteran or corpsman will need to complete based on the criterion established by the program.
10. Applicants must demonstrate theory and clinical competency in Obstetrics and Pediatrics. Credit for these specialties is required to be posted on the official transcript. ATIs given in the LVN-RN transition course are Fundamentals, Maternal Child, and Pediatrics. Applicants will be required to pass ATI examinations at the same level as RN students.
11. All ADN prerequisites must be completed prior to the LVN to RN transition course.

\*Associate Degree may require additional coursework per college policy.

\*Military records and transcripts must be reviewed by a counselor and the applicant must have a DD214 showing completion of military coursework and service/discharge under honorable conditions.

\*Admission requirements will be the same of similar for all students.