

## **College of the Siskiyou Nursing Program**

### **Policy: Transfer of Credit and Challenge Procedure**

Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVNs), Veterans with health care training, and other health care workers may be eligible to obtain placement in the nursing program on a space available basis through challenge exams, portfolio assessment, and credit for equivalent courses. Any student granted credit for previous education and/or experience shall be expected to enroll in the final semester of the associate degree nursing program regardless of the number of clinical hours previously completed in another program.

### **Procedure:**

Any applicant requesting credit for previous training in healthcare/nursing must present documentation / transcripts from an accredited or approved source. Those documents will be evaluated by College of the Siskiyou Counseling Department and Nursing Program Director or designee. Credit will be given based on recency of education and experience within the last five years, equivalency to courses offered within the Nursing Program, and through competency exams administered by the Nursing Program. Specific competency exams and skills testing will be developed by Nursing Faculty, based on the evaluation of credits.

To receive credit, the applicant will be required to perform at a minimum of a C level (75%) in both theory and clinical skills/simulation testing, using the final (end of course) assessment criteria for any courses challenged.

Per college policy, the applicant may be required to pay registration costs for any course challenged.

### **Military Personnel and Veterans:**

Military Personnel and Veterans may be eligible for credit for military training and experience based on the above requirements. Honorable discharge (DD214) or current active honorable service is required (letter from supervisor). For military personnel and veterans, admission to the program is on a space available basis as any applicant. An associate degree may require additional coursework per college policy. As with all applicants with transcripts from outside College of the Siskiyou, military records and transcripts must be reviewed by a College of the Siskiyou academic counselor.

## **Vocational Nursing Program**

Any applicant granted credit for previous education and/or experience shall be expected to enroll in the final semester of the vocational nursing program regardless of the number of clinical hours previously completed in another program.

For all applicants requesting advanced placement, all Vocational Nursing program prerequisites must be completed prior to the start of the program.

## **LVN to RN Step-up Program**

Any applicant granted credit for previous education and/or experience shall be expected to enroll in the final semester of the associate degree nursing program regardless of the number of clinical hours previously completed in another program.

Military Personnel and Veterans, including but not limited to Basic Medical Technician (Navy Hospital Corpsman) or USAF Basic Medical Service 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, will be considered eligible for admission into the LVN to RN Step-up Program. Per program policy, the College of the Siskiyous LVN to RN Transition Course (NURS 1021) is required to be completed with a passing grade (C) in order to advance to the rest of the program courses.

For all applicants, all ADN prerequisites must be completed prior to the LVN to RN transition course.