COLLEGE OF THE SISKIYOUS

Procedure Manual

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78261, 78261.3, 78261.5, 87482, 89267, 89267.3, and 92645; Title 5 Sections 55060 et seq. and 55521; Health and Safety Code Section

128050, AP 4235, AP 4236

The State of California Board of Registered Nursing requires the Associate Degree Nursing Program faculty to determine admission criteria within the CCCCO Guidelines for ADN Program admission based on the Ed. Code, Title 5, and Health and Safety Code Sections. Faculty will annually review admission criteria and analyze the data related to the pool of applicants and accepted students.

A nursing student who has already earned a baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning is not required to complete any general education requirements that may be required for an associate degree. Instead, the student only needs to complete coursework necessary for licensing as a registered nurse.

Admission

As a condition of receiving grants under EC Article 3.52, Section 78261, the District will comply with all criteria as applicable, as outlined within the section.

The District shall consider all of the following when screening nursing students:

- Academic degrees or diplomas, or relevant certificates, held by the applicant;
- Grade point average in relevant coursework; and
- Results of a nationally recognized diagnostic assessment tool aligned with national nursing licensure requirements, and approved by the chancellor's office for pre-licensure RN program enrollment;
- Work, life, or special circumstances of the applicant.
- Any relevant work or volunteer experience;
- Proficiency or advanced level coursework in languages other than English

The Nursing Program will adhere to the District's compliance with Title 5 Sections 55060 et seq. and 55521.

The Nursing Program will participate in data collection and reporting as necessary to comply with Health and Safety Code 128050, for the collection, analysis, and distribution of information on the educational and employment trends for health care occupations in the state.

Credit for Prior Learning

The nursing programs will adhere to the district's Credit for Prior Learning AP 4235

Advanced Placement

The nursing programs will adhere to the district's Advanced Placement Credit AP 4236 in conjunction with the following program policies;

Space Available Policy:

- 1. Any student desiring placement in the ADN or VN program after the first semester will be subject to the Space Available Policy.
- 2. "Student" refers to any person desiring space-available placement, be they returning generic, transfer, non-degree (30 unit) option for licensed vocational nurse, professional nurse seeking course work for licensure, or registered nurse seeking and A.S. Degree in Nursing. *Each student must meet criteria specific to them for entry*.
- 3. Priority for space available is determined by the date on the letter of intent to enter the Program, which is directed to the Nursing Program director. The earliest dated letter will be given first priority; the second earliest, the second priority.

Any student seeking advanced placement in the Nursing Program through credit for previous education or training in healthcare/nursing must

Any applicant requesting credit for previous education or training in healthcare/nursing must present documentation/transcripts from an accredited or district approved entity. Those documents will be evaluated by College of the Siskiyous 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 Faculty of approved area of specialty.

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 experienced 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 Siskiyous, military records and transcripts must be reviewed by a College of the Siskiyous academic counselor.

See BP 4106, Nursing Programs