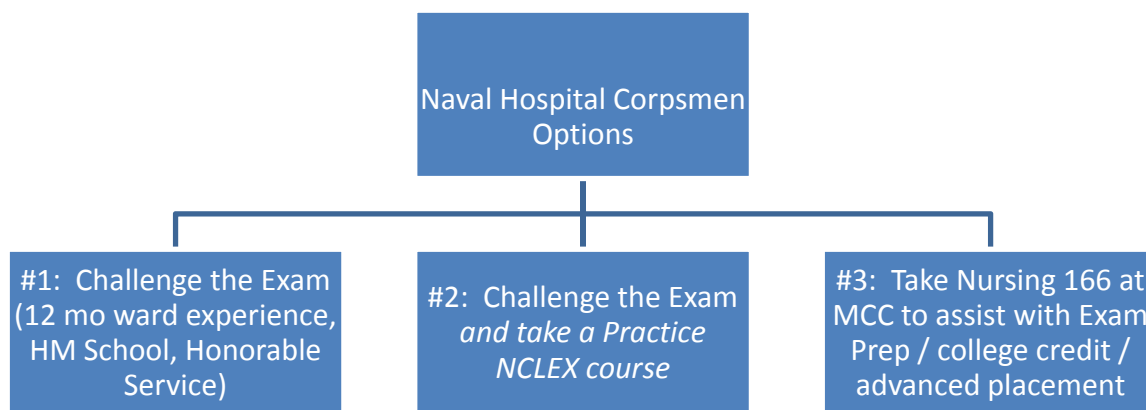


HM to LVN Transition Class Options, Prices, and Enrollment (For those meeting the requirements to challenge the NCLEX – PN in the State of CA)*



Background:

- 1) Statistics from the California Board of Licensed Vocational Nurses and Psychiatric Technicians report that approximately 60% of HMs that challenge the NCLEX – PN fail.
- 2) The LVN License is not transferable to another state outside of the Federal Medical System (such as the Veterans Administration.)
- 3) MiraCosta Community College receives multiple requests for advanced placement in the traditional LVN program from Hospital Corpsmen. The traditional LVN program meets Monday through Thursday during the day encompassing 32 hours/week. The traditional program encompasses 3 college semesters. With experience, the HM may be eligible for advanced placement in the second or third semester after completing Nursing 166.
- 4) Nursing 166 was created to assist the enlisted medical military member in transitioning into the role of LVN. This includes NCLEX – PN exam preparation throughout the class curriculum. Nursing 166 also provides missing theory to facilitate transition into MCC's traditional LVN program.

Option One:

- 1) This method requires tremendous discipline and study time. Costs: study materials.

Option Two:

- 1) This method requires tremendous discipline and study time. Costs: books/course. This method will also provide the student with test-taking strategies.

Option Three:

- 1) This method requires tremendous discipline and study time.
- 2) This method costs \$60 plus books (see book information below.) For an additional \$35.00, the student obtains on-line NCLEX - PN practice.
- 3) Upon successful completion of Nursing 166, the student is eligible for advanced placement in MiraCosta Community College's (MCC) traditional LVN program.
- 4) Nursing 166 is tentatively scheduled at NHCP in SETD (8th deck) from 6:00 pm – 9:20 pm each semester continues for 17 weeks.
- 5) Currently 12 months of ward experience is not required for Nursing 166 as the student may transition into MCC's traditional nursing program.
- 6) Students may complete the Options One and Two in addition to three.

Book List and Prices

Required Books

- 1) Author: Burke (Must Have)
Title: Medical-Surgical Nursing Care
Publisher: Prentice-Hall
Date: 2007
Edition: 2nd
Price: \$69.05
- 2) Author: Adams (May Be Shared)
Title: Pharmacology for Nurses
Publisher: Prentice Hall
Date: 2008
Edition: 2nd
Price: \$76.28

- 3) Author: Ackley (May Be Shared)
Title: Nursing Diagnosis Handbook
Publisher: Mosby
Date: 2006
Price: \$39.95

Recommended Books

- 1) Author: Perry and Potter
Title: Clinical Nursing Skills and Techniques: Skills Performance Checklists
Publisher: Elsevier/Mosby
Date: 2005
Edition: 6th
Price: \$19.95
- 2) Author: Ramont
Title: Fundamental Nursing Care
Publisher: Prentice-Hall
Date: 2003
Edition: 7th
Price: \$73.70

Enrollment

Enrollment in MiraCosta College is required. The application may be submitted on-line through www.miracosta.edu. Follow directions as listed in the college catalog or on-line.

On the first day of class, the California State Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technician requires that students submit the following:

- 1) Original High School Transcripts**
- 2) Proof of Honorable Service (DD 214 or statement from current Chief)**
- 3) Proof of completing military medical training such as Corps school (may be included in statement from Chief)**

*** Requirements for military members to challenge the NCLEX –PN include above # 1-3 plus one year of experience on a hospital unit. See www.bvnpt.ca.gov for more information.**