

## ☞Veterans/Military Personnel Policy☞

Veterans and Military Personnel may be eligible for acceptance into the Modesto Junior College (MJC) Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program. On a space available basis, qualified applicants are admitted into the MJC ADN program based on the following requirements:

1. Education and experience within the last five years prior to application is recommended. Nursing assessment and skills competency will be verified for admission to the ADN program per program policy.
2. Education and experience must meet the requirements of the MJC ADN Program guidelines.
3. All military records and transcripts must be reviewed by the Veterans Center Coordinator (Certifying Officer), who can be reached at (209) 575-6670. The applicant is required to have a DD-214 showing completion of military coursework and service/discharge under honorable conditions. If active duty, proof of current active honorable service (letter from supervisor).
4. It is highly recommended for veterans/military personnel to meet with a nursing advisor prior to the ADN Program application period to determine entrance eligibility.

Three pathways have been established to assist with obtaining nursing credit for previous education and experience. Additional coursework for an Associate Degree may be required per MJC policy.

***Pathway I*** – Including but not limited to Basic Medical Technician (Navy Hospital Corpsman) or USAF Basic Medical Service Technician or Army Medical Specialist.

- a) Challenge exams per college policy for courses taught in the *first semester* of the nursing program.
  - i. MJC has an established maximum of 30 units that can be challenged.
  - ii. The course(s) challenged are based on the learning needs and prior experience of the individual applying to the ADN program.
  - iii. Veterans/active duty military personnel must meet the same eligibility requirements for admission into the ADN program as non-veteran/military applicants, including completion of prerequisites.

***Pathway II*** – 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 Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) license/IV therapy certification through successful completion of an LVN program or challenge through Board of Vocational Nursing & Psychiatric Technicians (BVNPT) Method 4.

LVNs who have challenged using BVNPT Method 4 will be assessed on a case by case basis.

- a) Admissions credit given to applicants as an LVN to RN candidate per ADN program admission policies.
- b) All ADN prerequisites must be completed prior to the LVN to RN transition course.
- c) An LVN to RN transition course is required to be completed with a passing grade per program policy.

***Pathway III*** – Independent Duty Medical Technician (Independent Duty Navy Corpsman), and US Army Special Forces Medical Sergeant and US Air Force Para Rescue Airman.

- a) Review Joint Services Transcripts to determine course credits or challenge opportunities based on individual college policies and individual transcript review.
- b) Ensure completion of ADN prerequisite coursework.
- c) Applicants may be given credit for applicable education and experience meeting the course learning outcomes on a case by case basis. This is may include full or partial credit for the first year of the ADN program.

### ***Application Process***

Veterans/military personnel interested in acceptance into the MJC ADN program:

Pathway I or Pathway III must:

- Apply online to MJC at [www.mjc.edu](http://www.mjc.edu)
- Apply to the MJC ADN Program as a **transfer applicant** at [www.mjc.edu/nursing](http://www.mjc.edu/nursing). Applications are accepted annually, May 1 through May 31 for the following fall and spring semesters.

Pathway 11 must:

- Apply online to MJC at [www.mjc.edu](http://www.mjc.edu)
- Apply to the MJC ADN Program as a **LVN Advanced Placement Pathway applicant** at [www.mjc.edu/nursing](http://www.mjc.edu/nursing). Applications are accepted annually, May 1 through May 31 for the following fall and spring semesters.

### ***Screening Criteria***

- All applications will be reviewed by the ADN leadership team which includes the ADN Program Director or designee, the level one Assistant Director or designee, and the level two Assistant Director or designee.
- The ADN program uses a Multicriteria Screening process to select applicants. For a detailed explanation of the Multicriteria Screening process [CLICK HERE](#)

- In addition to meeting all of the requirements for acceptance into the ADN program, applicants are evaluated for experience and previous coursework.
- Applicants meeting all conditions of acceptance will be eligible for acceptance.

### **Acceptance Process**

- Acceptance into the ADN Program is determined by space availability and the following:
  - 1) The Multicriteria Screening Process.
  - 2) Achievement of a minimum score of 427 (62%) on the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) prior to the program application deadline. This score must be achieved within the first two attempts and prior to application to the ADN program. Applications without a passing TEAS score will not be processed.
  - 3) Submission of all required supporting documentation within the required timeline.
- Selected applicants will be notified by e-mail of additional testing requirements. The e-mail will include information regarding expected knowledge, skills and competencies on which applicants will be formally evaluated according to specified dates and deadlines.
- A review day in the MJC Allied Health Skills Laboratory will be available to provide a review of skills, the nursing process, and to provide a presentation on the ADN Program's conceptual framework, the Roy Adaptation Model. Faculty members will be available for mentoring on this day. Conditionally accepted applicants are strongly advised to attend. To review expected knowledge, skills and competencies on which applicants will be evaluated, [CLICK HERE](#).
- A Testing Day will follow the Skills Lab Review Day. All selected applicants must attend the Testing Day. Applicants must pass a quiz on the Nursing Process and Roy Adaptation Model with a score of 76% or higher to proceed to the Skills Testing. Applicants must demonstrate competence on mandatory and selected skills to qualify for acceptance into the ADN program.
- Notification regarding status of application will be sent by e-mail.
- When applicants of equal qualifications outnumber the available spaces, the selection will be determined by Program Director and faculty based on the number of points and the evaluation of the applicant's performance on the Nursing Process and Roy Adaptation Model Quiz and performance on the mandatory and selected skills testing.
- All accepted students must comply with program entry requirements including health and clinical clearances, drug screen, background clearance, and current

American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers.

### **Rejection Process**

- Applicants will receive an e-mail of regret if there is not space available in the program or they:
  1. Do not meet the requirements of the Multicriteria Screening Process.
  2. Meet the Multicriteria screening requirements but are not among the top candidates.
  3. Do not provide required documentation within the prescribed timeframe.
  4. Do not receive a minimum score of 76% on the Nursing Process and the Roy Adaptation Model Quiz.
  5. Do not demonstrate competency on the mandatory and selected nursing skills testing.

### **ADN Program Completion and Graduation**

- Accepted students who have successfully completed the ADN curriculum and additional Associate Degree requirements will receive an Associate of Science Degree in Nursing (ADN) upon graduation. The graduate is then eligible to apply to the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN). Passing the NCLEX-RN confers licensure to practice as a Registered Nurse (RN) in the state of California.
- To graduate from the MJC ADN Program, a student must: 1) complete all ADN program requirements; 2) complete the fourth semester of the MJC ADN program; 3) complete 12 units “in residence” at MJC; and 4) complete the MJC GE Graduation Requirements.

***In congruence with the MJC Code of Conduct and the Allied Health Code of Civility, an applicant may be denied entry on the basis of unprofessional conduct despite meeting the screening criteria, acceptance process, or previous nursing experience.***

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California Nursing Practice Act

Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government code)

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