

College of the Redwoods Del Norte nursing program to commence in 2020

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Students who have completed Licensed Vocational Nursing or Paramedic degrees (LVN/PMED) can now become registered nurses (RNs) in just three semesters at the College of the Redwoods (CR) campus in Crescent City. The first cohort of ten students will begin in the spring 2020 semester.

The California Board of Registered Nursing approved the CR Del Norte LVN/PMED degrees for the Registered Nurse (RN) Career Mobility Program at their meeting Thursday, November 14.

This program, which is expected to alleviate some of the critical nursing shortfall in Del Norte County, has been many years in the making and would not have been possible without the hard work of former CR Nursing program director Alison Pritchard, current director Roberta Farrar, LVN faculty member, Dr. Melody Pope, and Senator Mike McGuire.

“The launch of the College of the Redwoods’ LVN to RN program in Del Norte County is critical to solving the North Coast’s severe nursing shortage. The college has been tenacious in their pursuit of this program, which will create hundreds of family-sustaining jobs in the years to come,” McGuire said.

“It’s also a critical component of the soon-to-be launched Bachelor’s of Science in Nursing program at Humboldt State. We’ve been honored to work with both colleges over the past couple of years on this initiative, and we congratulate CR on their program approval.”

Students in the one and a half year program will join classes on the CR Eureka campus through telepresence. There will also be an on-site instructor to answer student questions, oversee in-class activities and otherwise

facilitate student learning. Students will perform their clinical rotations at Sutter Coast Hospital, as well as at other health care centers in the area.

“Establishment of this program reaches a long-held goal of the Del Norte campus and the community. The program will build critical nursing personnel in the region by adding 10 slots to the current capacity of the district's LVN-RN Bridge program and should result in building the pool of registered nurses in our community,” said CR trustee for the Del Norte region Carol Mathews.

CR has already started to notify students on the LVN/PMED waitlist and LVNs who have recently completed the program within the district, and the program is expected to fill fast.

“This approval signifies a milestone in our efforts to provide advance educational opportunities to our students. It will also help us fulfill our long-standing commitment to alleviate the nursing shortage on the north coast,” said CR’s Board of Trustee President Bruce Emad.

For more information or to apply to the program, please visit redwoods.edu/cte/Health-Occupations/LVN-RN