

**PETITION FOR A FACULTY WAIVER
LAMAR STATE COLLEGE AT PORT ARTHUR
ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM**

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Consider the petition from Lamar State College at Port Arthur Associate Degree Nursing Education Program for a non-emergency faculty waiver on behalf of Shirley B. MacNeill, BSN, RN and the recommendation from the Education Liaison Committee (ELC) regarding the petition.

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE:

- The rule specifies that nursing faculty shall hold a master's degree or doctorate degree, preferably in nursing.
- Ms. MacNeill has been employed as a nursing faculty member at Lamar State College at Port Arthur in the Associate Degree Nursing Education Program for the past academic year under an emergency faculty waiver which expired on 8/23/2006.
- Ms. MacNeill is enrolled in a masters nursing program and has completed 22 semester credit hours of a 42 semester credit hour masters degree program in nursing.
- The program submitted the necessary letter and supporting documentation requesting the non-emergency faculty waiver and board staff conducted a review of the materials.
- Current policy requires that a petition for a non-emergency faculty waiver be referred to the ELC for review and recommendation if the proposed faculty member has not completed at least 75% of the required semester credit hours of a masters degree program.

PROS AND CONS:

Pros:

- Ms. MacNeill is an experienced nursing faculty as she has been a nursing faculty member at Lamar State College at Port Arthur Associate Degree Nursing Program for the past academic year on an emergency faculty waiver granted to the program.
- A review of the petition and the supporting documentation revealed that all criteria for approval of the non-emergency waiver on behalf of Ms. MacNeill have been met with the exception of completion of 75% of the required semester hours of masters degree program.
- Ms. MacNeill has completed 22 semester credit hours of a 42 semester credit hour masters degree program in nursing.
- Currently, the program does not have any non-emergency faculty waivers in place.

Cons:

None noted.

ELC RECOMMENDATION:

The ELC reviewed the petition and supporting documentation and the members voted unanimously to recommend approval of the non-emergency faculty waiver for Shirley B. MacNeill, BSN, RN. Temporary approval of a non-emergency faculty waiver was granted to the program until the Board considers the petition at a regularly scheduled Board Meeting (See Attachment One).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Move to ratify the recommendation from the ELC to approve the non-emergency faculty waiver for Shirley B. MacNeill, BSN, RN, to be a nursing faculty member for the Associate Degree Nursing Education Program at Lamar State College at Port Arthur, as indicated in the attached letter (See Attachment Two).

September 27, 2006

Janet R. Hamilton, MSN, RN
Allied Health Department Chair
Associate Degree Nursing Education Program
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Port Arthur, Texas 77641-0310

Dear Ms. Hamilton:

This letter is to notify you that the Board's Education Liaison Committee (ELC) has reviewed your petition for a Non-Emergency Faculty Waiver on behalf of Shirley B. MacNeill, BSN, RN. The ELC has recommended approval of the Non-Emergency Faculty Waiver and granted temporary approval of the Non-Emergency Faculty Waiver for Ms. MacNeill to be a nursing faculty for the Associate Degree Nursing Education Program at Lamar State College at Port Arthur.

Your petition for a Non-Emergency Faculty Waiver on the behalf of Ms. MacNeill will be formally presented at the Board Meeting on October 19, 2006. At that time the Board will review the petition and the recommendation from the ELC. The Board may approve, defer, or deny the petition. If the Board decides to deny the petition, the temporary approval of the Non-Emergency Faculty Waiver for Shirley B. MacNeill, BSN, RN, to be a nursing faculty for the Associate Degree Nursing Education Program at Lamar State College at Port Arthur will be immediately rescinded.

Please notify the Board of any change in the employment status of Ms. MacNeill. If additional information or clarification is needed, please feel free to contact me at (512) 305-6815.

Sincerely,

Robbin L. Wilson, MSN, RN
Nursing Consultant for Education

cc: Shirley B. MacNeill, BSN, RN, ADN Faculty

October 24, 2006

Janet R. Hamilton, MSN, RN
Allied Health Department Chair
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Port Arthur, Texas 77641-0310

Dear Ms. Hamilton:

This letter is to notify you that your petition for a Non-Emergency Faculty Waiver on behalf of Shirley B. MacNeill, BSN, RN, to be a nursing faculty member for the Lamar State College at Port Arthur Associate Degree Nursing Education Program, was discussed at the October 19, 2006 meeting of the Board of Nurse Examiners. Based upon the discussion and the recommendation from the Education Liaison Committee of the Board, it was the decision to ratify approval of the Non-Emergency Faculty Waiver for Ms. MacNeill from September 27, 2006 through September 26, 2007.

Please notify the Board of any change in the employment status of Ms. MacNeill. If additional information or clarification is needed, please feel free to contact Board staff at (512) 305-6815.

Sincerely,

Linda R. Rounds, PhD, RN, FCP.
President

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cc: Shirley B. MacNeill, BSN, RN, ADN Faculty