

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN

H.P. 1362 - L.D. 1917

**An Act To Employ Veterans in Health Care To Meet Workforce Needs and  
Provide Funding to the Community College System To Support the Training  
of Nursing Students**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §2251-A**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 204, Pt. H, §6, is further amended to read:

**§2251-A. Qualifications**

An applicant for a license to practice as a licensed practical nurse shall submit to the board written evidence, verified by oath, that the applicant ~~has the following qualifications.~~ satisfies one of the following qualifications:

**2. Approved program.** The applicant ~~must have~~ completed a prescribed curriculum in a state-approved program for the preparation of practical nurses and holds a diploma or certificate; or

**3. Military training and experience.** The applicant:

A. Served on active duty in the medical corps of any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States and spent an aggregate of at least 12 months rendering bedside patient care;

B. Completed the basic course of instruction in nursing required by the branch of the Armed Forces of the United States in which the applicant served; and

C. Was honorably discharged from active duty.

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE**

**Maine Community College System - Board of Trustees 0556**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to support the hiring of additional nursing faculty to create a new cohort of nursing students at Central Maine Community College.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
All Other	\$0	\$200,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>

**Maine Community College System - Board of Trustees 0556**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to support the hiring of additional nursing faculty and the acquisition of equipment and instructional space to expand student capacity at Eastern Maine Community College.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
All Other	\$0	\$250,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$250,000</u>

**Maine Community College System - Board of Trustees 0556**

Initiative: Provides one-time funds to support the acquisition of a nursing simulator at Northern Maine Community College.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
All Other	\$0	\$200,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>

**Maine Community College System - Board of Trustees 0556**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to support the hiring of additional nursing faculty and the acquisition of equipment to create a new cohort of nursing students at Southern Maine Community College.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
All Other	\$0	\$200,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE  
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$850,000</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$850,000</b>