

MVLA

Adult School

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Integrated Education & Training



STUDENT SUCCESS STORY

Anne Rehwald is an excellent example of facing challenges, achieving her goals and setting the next goal higher. She left Germany and came to the USA in 2012. She could read and write in English but she spoke no English. Anne had been a surgical nurse in Germany and medical terminology was the next transition in her development of the English language.

She enrolled in Electronic Health Records but found she missed the interaction with medical professionals. She missed the human interaction she once had as a surgical nurse in Germany and recognized she likes working with a team. She likes to get to know people and help other people. She came back to MVLA and was able to take Medical Terminology for Advanced ESL in 2023. This led to becoming an NCCT Certified Medical Assistant in 2024.



Medical
Assistant
Class of 2024



Anne was back in the environment where she thrives. Anne said she wasn't really sure what she wanted until she took the MA class and did her externship. Through the externship program she was able to apply the academic skills to real life at a plastic surgery site. Through interactions with the externship support team and her manager at the site, it was evident her skill set was superb and she wasn't being used to her full potential. When she shared her career history in Germany, this opened another door for Anne. She was offered a position with Dr. Papillon as his surgical tech. They allow her to work per diem so she can continue to work towards her goal to be an RN in America and qualify to take the NCLEX exam. Nurses are held to a higher standard and she now feels her goal is attainable. Working with Dr. Papillon's team allows her to develop her idioms and colloquialisms that we take for granted in our everyday speech.

She is grateful to MVLA for the team of tutors, instructors and the externship that gave her work preparedness and taught her how to write an essay. This has become more important than she realized at the time. She is now striving to take the NCLEX exam and is working with the Board of Nursing in Sacramento to pass their language/communication tests. Their testing focuses on the use of idioms and colloquialism. These are very important skills for an RN to have in the multicultural world we all live in. She has spent an additional six weeks tutoring for a 2nd attempt at her speaking exam so she can qualify to take the NCLEX exam.