## Career Schools Help Veterans Train for New Careers & Future

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Our country owes so much to our veterans who've defended our country and fought and died to protect the rights of all Americans. Traditionally, veterans return to the classroom to get ready to embark on new careers when they finish their military service. Many choose to enroll at accredited career schools.

Among the veterans attending Prism Career Institute in Cherry Hill, NJ are Cheryl Tao, Russell Richards and Camille Lee. The three are students in Prism's Practical Nursing program and aspire to enter the medical field as Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) upon graduation from the 15 month course.

Cheryl Tao is a mother, military wife and a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. Her husband is an active-duty infantryman for the U.S. Army and has served two tours of duty in Iraq. Her family is in a regular relocation program in the military. "It makes it impossible for me to find a seat on a 2-3 year waiting list that most nursing schools have," she said. "Prism Career Institute has made it possible for me to pursue my dream of becoming a LPN in 15 months, no waiting."

Russell Richards served in the U.S. Air Force. He's a single dad of a 5 year old. "The main reason I chose Prism is because Prism has given me an opportunity to further my education and become a professional in the health industry." he said. "With my LPN from Prism I will be a licensed professional, and will easily find a job. This is the single most important decision that I ever made for myself,



From Left Prism Students Cheryl Tad, Camille Lee, Nursing Director Mary Cooper and Russel Richards

and I am very excited to see what the future holds for me."

Camille Lee was a soldier in the U.S. Army for 7 years and served in a combat zone in Iraq. She's also a mother, and wife, and her husband served two tours of duty in Iraq and two tours of duty in Afghanistan. "The majority of men and women do not have the luxury of attending classes all day for 4-6 years," she said. "I wanted to go to a school so that I could start a new career but the simple fact was we would not be in one location long enough to for me to complete a whole nursing program. Prism offered a great solution. Being at Prism is giving me a chance to learn to do what I love, while enabling me to also be a mother and wife."

Veterans deserve all the help we can

give them to further their education after service to our country. Doug Johnson, Campus Director, is a disabled Vietnam Veteran. "I understand, firsthand, the transition from military service to civilian life and I make sure we help vets any way we can at Prism," said Johnson. "Another advantage is Prism Career Institute's programs can offer everyone, including veterans, rewarding career training opportunities in much less time than it takes at traditional colleges."

In addition to Cherry Hill, Prism Career Institute has campuses located in Egg Harbor Township, NJ, NE Philadelphia and Upper Darby, PA. For more information about Prism Career Institute visit www.prismcareerinstitute.edu or call 800-443-4443. [ADV]