

CHALLENGE/ADVANCED PLACEMENT INTO THE ADN PROGRAM FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL

Individuals who have held Military Health Care Occupations, specifically: Basic Medical Technician Corpsman (Navy HM or Air Force BMTCP), Army Health Care Specialist (68W Army Medic) or Air Force Independent Duty Medical Technician (IMDT 4N0XIC) may achieve advanced placement into the 2nd semester of the nursing program with documentation of education and experience qualifying them for the specific Military Health Care Occupation and upon successful completion of theory challenge exams, medication math proficiency exam and skills competency evaluation.

- 1) Applicants must meet all general entrance requirements of the Associate Degree Nursing Program, including completion of designated prerequisites and the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS).
- 2) Acceptance of Military Challenge students into the Associate Degree Nursing Program is contingent upon space availability, demonstration of skills competency, 75% or above on the Challenge Exams, and 90% on a medication math proficiency exam.
- 3) Military Challenge students admitted to the Associate Degree Nursing Program after academic failure at another school will not be eligible for re-entry after academic failure, or withdrawal to avoid academic failure, from the Merced College Associate Degree Nursing Program.

PROCEDURE:

Interested candidates must request an appointment with the Director of Nursing at least eight weeks prior to the application period to discuss eligibility requirements for the Associate Degree Nursing Program.

- 1) Applicants who may be eligible for advanced placement include those individuals who have satisfactorily completed, within the last five years, education and experience for the following:
 - a) Basic Medical Technician Corpsman (Navy HM or Air Force BMTCP)
 - b) Army Health Care Specialist (68W Army Medic)
 - c) Air Force Independent Duty Medical Technician (IDMT 4N0XIC)
- 2) Applicants applying for transfer credit must submit the following materials verifying education and experience:
 - a) Transcripts from appropriate education program(s), demonstrating satisfactory completion of coursework and clinical experience;
 - b) Documentation of military experience, including proof of honorable discharge (DD214) or current active honorable service documentation (letter from current supervisor).
- 3) After a review of the applicant's documentation, and upon determination that the applicant has met the educational and experience requirements, as well as the additional nursing program admission requirements, the student will be required to take written challenge examinations for courses being challenged (for example, fundamentals and introduction to

- pharmacology), and a competency skills evaluation, and a medication math proficiency exam.
- 4) The following materials will be available to the applicant once challenge confirmation is made:
 - a) Course syllabi, including course objective;
 - b) Content outlines;
 - c) Bibliography and textbook lists; and
 - d) Examples of style and format of examinations.
 - 5) Written and skills competency examinations for advanced placement or challenge must be completed a minimum of eight weeks prior to admission to the program.
 - 6) Advanced Placement will be granted if applicant meets minimum requirements equivalent to those required of students in the actual course and is contingent on space availability.

Military personnel with an active California LVN license may also apply for Advanced Placement into the 3rd semester of the Associate Degree Nursing Program. After meeting all other general entrance requirements of the Associate Degree Nursing Program, including completion of designated prerequisites and the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS), students will then complete the transition courses (REGN-01 and REGN-02), prior to enrollment into other nursing courses. Placement into REGN-01 and REGN-02 is subject to successfully completing all requirements and space availability.