

Title: Challenge/Advanced Placement for Military-Trained Healthcare Personnel Policy

Policy #: 104

Policy: 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 4N0X1C) may achieve advanced placement into the nursing program with documentation of education and experience qualifying them for the specific Military Health Care Occupation and upon successful completion of the challenge exam, dosage calculation exam, and skills competency exam.

1. Applicants must meet all general entrance requirements of the Associate Degree Nursing Program as outlined on the Multi-criteria grid.
2. Acceptance of Military Challenge students into the Associate Degree Nursing Program is contingent upon space availability, and the successful passing of the skills competency exam, achievement of 75% or above on the Challenge Exam and 90% on a dosage calculation exam.
3. Military Challenge students who have earned a grade of C- or lower or W in a previous nursing program will not be eligible for admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program.
4. If the student is successful in challenging the first semester, the same procedure will be offered for second, third, and fourth semester.

Guidelines:

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

1. Applicants who may be eligible for advanced placement will include those individuals who have satisfactorily completed, within the last two 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 (IMDT 4N0X1C)
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
3. A one-page documentation of nursing related experience with month and date (from-to) and estimation of nursing hours practiced.
4. 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 a written challenge examination for the 1st semester nursing course, a competency skills exam, and a dosage calculation exam.
5. The following materials will be available to the applicant once challenge confirmation is made:

- a. Course syllabus, including course objectives
 - b. Content outline
 - c. Bibliography and textbook lists
 - d. Example of style and format of examination.
6. Written and skills competency examinations for advanced placement or challenge must be completed eight weeks prior to admission to the program, unless waived by the Director of the Nursing Program.
7. Placement in the nursing course will be granted if applicant meets minimum requirements equivalent to those required of students enrolled in the same course.
8. Military Challenge students must meet all the requirements listed above in order to be placed in the appropriate semester of the nursing program.