

Challenge/Advanced Placement into the Nursing Education Program for Military Personnel

The Mt. San Jacinto College School of Nursing supports and appreciates the sacrifices that our Military Personnel have made for our country. As such, we offer an opportunity for our veterans to earn credit for their work, educational experience, and background. The following policy is a way to recognize our veterans for their contributions.

CHALLENGE/ADVANCED PLACEMENT FOR MILITARY - TRAINED HEALTHCARE PERSONNEL 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 4NOX1C) may achieve advanced placement into NURS 214 or NURS 224, upon review and approval from the School of Nursing Program Director, 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 evaluation.

1. Applicants must meet all general entrance requirements of the Associate Degree Nursing Program, including a minimal GPA of 2.5, completion of designated prerequisites and the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) with a minimum score of 62%.
2. Acceptance of Military Challenge students into the Associate Degree Nursing Program is contingent upon space availability, skills competency (determined after meeting with Program Director), 75% or above on the Challenge Exam and 100% on a dosage calculation quiz.
3. Military Challenge students applying to the Associate Degree Nursing Program after failure at another school will need a letter from the Program Director of the previous Nursing School indicating that they were in good standing upon departure from that program.
4. Applicant must submit DD214 with Application.

PROCEDURE:

Interested candidates must request an appointment with the Program Director 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 (IMDT 4NOX1C)
2. Applicants applying for transfer credit must submit the following materials verifying education and experience:
 - a. Official transcripts from appropriate education program(s), demonstrating satisfactory completion of coursework and clinical experience;
 - b. At least one letter of recommendation, official transcripts, and DD214 form
 - c. Documentation of work and educational experience

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 a written challenge examination, a competency skills evaluation and a dosage calculation exam.
4. 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
5. 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.
6. Advanced Placement will be granted if applicant meets minimum requirements equivalent to those required of students enrolled in the actual course.

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