

**MIRACOSTA COLLEGE  
NURSING EDUCATION**

**CHALLENGE/ADVANCED PLACEMENT INTO THE  
NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL**

**CHALLENGE/ADVANCED PLACEMENT FOR MILITARY-TRAINED HEALTHCARE PERSONNEL POLICY:**

Individuals who have relevant military education and experience including, but not limited to: 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. Applicants must provide documentation of education and experience qualifying them for the specific Military Health Care Occupation and successfully complete the credit by exam, medication dosage calculation exam, and skills competency exams of the 1st semester. Note: This challenge may only be attempted once.

1. Applicants must meet all general entrance requirements of the Associate Degree Nursing Program, including completion of science prerequisite courses, general education courses for the Nursing Major and a passing score on the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS).
2. Acceptance of Challenge/Advanced Placement Challenge students into the Associate Degree Nursing Program is contingent upon space availability and successful passing 90% or greater on a medication dosage calculation exam and achievement of 75% or greater on the credit by exam and pass skills competency exam.
3. Challenge exams are taken one at a time with progression consistent with nursing course placement in the curriculum. Students are required to successfully complete or pass all previously required nursing courses prior to entering a semester as an advanced placement student.
4. Military Challenge students who have earned a grade lower than C or W in a previous nursing program may not be eligible for Credit by exam for admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

**PROCEDURE:**

**Application Period:**

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.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

1. Applicants who may be eligible for advanced placement will include those individuals who have proof of satisfactory completion of education, honorable discharge 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)
  - d. Other military trained healthcare personnel with relevant education and experience
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. Documentation of experience to include DD214 and history of work assignments.

### **Process & Review**

1. 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 exam for medication dosage calculation, credit by exam and a competency skills exam.
2. The following materials will be made available to the applicant once eligibility for the challenge process is confirmed:
  - a. Course syllabus, including course objectives;
  - b. Content outline;
  - c. Textbook lists; and
  - d. Example of style and format of examination.
3. Written and skills competency examinations for challenge/advanced placement must be completed at least eight weeks prior to admission into the program.
4. Advanced Placement will be granted if the applicant meets the requirements.
5. If the challenge/advanced placement student is unsuccessful in completing the process, they may be eligible to apply to NURS180 under the generic student requirements.
6. If the student is successful in challenging the first semester, the same procedure will be offered for second, third, and fourth semester.