

MIRACOSTA COLLEGE NURSING EDUCATION
CHALLENGE/ADVANCED PLACEMENT INTO THE NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR MILITARY-TRAINED HEALTHCARE PERSONNEL
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POLICY:**

Individuals with relevant military healthcare education and experience may be eligible for advanced placement in the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program. Eligible applicants include, but are not limited to:

- Basic Medical Technician Corpsman (Navy HM or Air Force BMTCP)
- Army Health Care Specialist (68W Army Medic)
- Air Force Independent Duty Medical Technician (IMDT 4N0X1C)
- Other military-trained healthcare personnel with comparable education and experience

Note: The challenge process may be attempted only once.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must:

- Meet all ADN program admission requirements, including prerequisite courses, general education requirements, and a passing TEAS score.
- Provide documentation of military education and experience, including:
 - Official transcripts demonstrating successful completion of coursework and clinical training;
 - DD214 showing honorable discharge; and
 - Documentation of military healthcare work assignments.

Military Challenge students who have earned a grade below a C or a W in a previous nursing program may not be eligible for credit by examination and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Challenge Process and Review

After review of the applicant's documentation and determination that all educational, experiential, and nursing program admission requirements have been met, the applicant will be required to complete the following examinations:

- Medication dosage calculation examination (minimum score of 90%);
- Credit by examination for challenged nursing course content (minimum score of 75%); and
- Skills competency testing.

Skills competency testing includes:

- Medication administration (PO, SQ, IM, IVP, and IVPB);
- Head-to-toe assessment, including obtaining a full set of vital signs; and
- Foley catheter insertion.

Students seeking to challenge ADN Program semesters 2–4 must successfully complete all required examinations for each preceding semester before being eligible to advance to the next semester. To be eligible for placement into NURS 181 Medical-Surgical Nursing I (1st semester- 2nd 8 weeks), students must successfully complete the first-semester medication dosage calculation and skills competency testing. Challenge examinations are completed one semester at a time and follow the progression of the nursing curriculum.

Once eligibility for the challenge process has been confirmed, applicants will be provided with the course syllabus and objectives, content outline, textbook list, and an example of the examination format and style to assist with preparation.

Written and skills competency examinations for challenge/advanced placement must be completed at least eight weeks prior to admission into the program.

Application Process

Interested applicants must schedule an appointment with the ADN Program Director at least four weeks before the application period to discuss eligibility requirements.

Admission and Placement

1. Admission of challenge/advanced placement students is contingent upon space availability.
2. Applicants who successfully complete the challenge process will be granted advanced placement into the appropriate semester.
3. Students who successfully challenge the first semester may continue the same challenge process for placement into the second, third, and fourth semesters, provided all requirements for each preceding semester are successfully completed.
4. Upon admission through the challenge/advanced placement process, students will follow all applicable ADN Program policies, including the Transfer/Readmission Policy.