

**RIVERSIDE CITY COLLEGE  
SCHOOL OF NURSING**

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

Individuals who have held Military Healthcare 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 (AP) into the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the associate degree registered nursing program with documentation of education and experience qualifying them for the specific Military Healthcare Occupation and upon successful completion of the AP challenge exam, AP skills competency assessment, and dosage calculation exam.

**Policy:**

1. Applicants must meet all general entrance requirements of the associate degree registered nursing program, including completion of the designated prerequisites.
2. Applicants must pass the HESI AP Exam with a score of 75% or better.
3. Applicants must successfully complete NRN 18.
4. Acceptance of military challenge students into the associate degree registered nursing program is contingent upon space availability.
5. Military challenge students who are unable to meet the above AP criteria for entry into the second year of the program may remediate and repeat the AP exam and/or skill competency assessment, and/or the dosage calculation exam. If the student is unsuccessful after the second attempt on any of these challenge exams, the student may take the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) and upon successfully passing the TEAS, the student would gain priority enrollment into NRN 11 based on space availability. The candidate's experience will be evaluated so that credit for skills and/or experience can be awarded.

**Procedure:**

Interested candidates must request an appointment with the Nursing Enrollment and Evaluation Specialist at least four weeks prior to the application period to discuss eligibility requirements for the associate degree registered nursing program.

1. Applicants who may be eligible for advanced placement include those individuals who have satisfactory completed 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
  - b. Documentation of experience

3. After a review of the applicant's documentation, and upon determination that the applicant has met the educational and experiential requirements, as well as the additional nursing program admission requirements, the student will be invited to take an AP challenge exam, a skills competency assessment, and a dosage calculation exam.
4. Advanced placement will be granted if the applicant meets minimum requirements and is based on space availability.