

**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 Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Registered Nursing (RN) program with documentation of education and experience qualifying them for a specific Military Healthcare Occupation and upon successful completion of an individualized challenge exam, skills competency assessment, and dosage calculation exam, in compliance with the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) regulation in *Division 14 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 1418: Eligibility for licensure of applicants who have Military Education and Experience*.

Policy:

1. Applicants must meet all general entrance requirements of the associate degree RN program, including completion of the designated prerequisites.
2. Applicants must pass an individualized challenge 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 RN program is contingent upon space availability.
5. Military challenge students who are unable to pass the challenge exam, skills assessment and/or dosage calculation exam for advanced placement may remediate and repeat the challenge exam, skill competency assessment, and/or the dosage calculation exam. If the student is unsuccessful after the second attempt on any of these assessment measures, the student may take the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) and upon successfully passing the ATI TEAS, the student would gain priority enrollment into NRN-11 based on space availability.

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 RN 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 for the ADN (RN) program 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 an individualized assessment and review of the applicant's documentation/transcripts and upon determination that the applicant has met the educational and experiential requirements for advanced placement into the ADN (RN) program, including the additional nursing program admission requirements, the student will be invited to take an individualized challenge exam, a skills competency assessment, and a dosage calculation exam.
4. The content of the challenge exam will be based upon content expert faculty review and evaluation of the applicant's specific Military Healthcare Occupation and its evidence of meeting, in whole or in part, the BRN minimum standards of competency and education requirements for RN licensure (*BRN California Code of Regulations, Section 1426(c)[1-3]*).
5. Advanced placement will be granted if the applicant meets minimum requirements and is based on space availability.