Applicants with documented relevant military education and experience may be eligible to achieve advanced placement (AP) into the associate degree (ADN) registered nursing (RN) program. After transcript evaluation, eligible applicants will be given the opportunity to pass individualized challenge, skills competency, and dosage calculation exams, 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 individualized challenge exam(s) with a score of 75% or better.
3. Applicants who are eligible for second year placement (Army 68WM6 LPN or equivalent) must successfully complete NRN-18 prior to entering the program.
4. Applicants entering NRN-11 are not required to complete NRN-18 prior to entering the program.
5. Acceptance of military challenge students into the associate degree RN program is contingent upon space availability.
6. 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 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.

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 relevant military education and experience.
2. Applicants applying for transfer credit to the associate degree RN program must submit the following materials verifying education and experience:
   a. Transcripts from appropriate education program(s), demonstrating satisfactory completion of relevant coursework and clinical experience
   b. Course outlines for relevant courses may be requested for accurate evaluation
c. Documentation of relevant 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 associate degree RN program, including the additional nursing program admission requirements, the student will be invited to take an individualized challenge exam(s), 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 education and experience 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 successfully passing required exams. Admission is based on space availability.