

EL CAMINO COLLEGE ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM
CHALLENGE/ADVANCED PLACEMENT INTO THE NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL
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CHALLENGE/ADVANCED PLACEMENT FOR MILITARY – TRAINED HEALTHCARE PERSONNEL POLICY:

Individuals who have held Military Health Care 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) who have been discharged under “honorable” conditions. Candidates may achieve advanced placement into the 2nd semester of the nursing program with evidence of completing the following courses: General Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, General Microbiology, Intermediate Algebra, and English 1A (Reading and Composition) courses, in addition to a nursing specific Dosage Calculations (N48) course (this course can only be taken at El Camino College, Torrance or Compton Center campuses), education, experience qualifying them for the specific Military Health Care Occupation and upon successful completion of the challenge exam, dosage calculation exam and skills competency evaluation.

1. Applicants must meet all general entrance requirements of the Associate Degree Nursing Program, including completion of designated prerequisites and the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS).
2. Acceptance of Military Challenge students into the Associate Degree Nursing Program is contingent upon space availability, skills competency, 75% or above on the Challenge Exam and 90% on a dosage calculation quiz.
3. Military Challenge students admitted to the Associate Degree Nursing Program after academic failure at another school will not be eligible for re-entry after academic failure, or withdrawal to avoid academic failure, from the El Camino College Associate Degree Nursing Program.

PROCEDURE:

Interested candidates must request an appointment with the Program Director at least four weeks prior to the application period to discuss eligibility requirements for the Associate Degree Nursing Program.

1. Applicants who may be eligible for advanced placement include those individuals who have satisfactorily completed, within the last two years, 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 experience requirements, as well as the additional nursing program admission requirements, the student will be required to take a written challenge examination, a competency skills evaluation and a dosage calculation exam.
4. The following materials will be available to the applicant once challenge confirmation is made:
 - a. course syllabus, including course objectives;
 - b. content outline;
 - c. bibliography and textbook lists; and
 - d. example of style and format of examination.
5. Written and skills competency examinations for advanced placement or challenge must be completed eight weeks prior to admission to the program, unless waived by the Director of the Nursing Program.
6. Advanced Placement will be granted if applicant meets minimum requirements equivalent to those required of students enrolled in the actual course.