

EL CAMINO COLLEGE ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM
POLICY and PROCEDURE: 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 with documented relevant military education and experience as recommended by the American Council on Education in the *Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services* who have been discharged under “honorable” conditions may be eligible to achieve advanced placement (AP) into the associate degree (ADN) program: After evaluation on military transcripts, 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. Veterans may also petition to receive credit for prior learning for military courses, experiences, and training.

POLICY:

1. Applicants must meet all general entrance requirements of the ADN program, including completion of designated prerequisites.
2. Credit may be awarded for prior experience or prior learning only for individually identified course with subject matter similar to that of the individual’s prior learning and only for a course listed in the El Camino College course catalog.
3. Acceptance of Military Challenge students into the ADN program is contingent upon space availability, skills competency, 75% or above on the Challenge Exam and 90% on a dosage calculation examination.
4. Applicants who are eligible for second year placement (Army 68WM6 LPN or equivalent) must successfully complete N149 Advanced Placement in nursing prior to placement in the program.
5. 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 satisfactory completed relevant military education and experience.
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. Course outlines for relevant courses may be requested for accurate evaluation
 - c. 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 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. Written and skills competency examinations for advanced placement or challenge must be completed a minimum of four 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 and successfully passing required exams. Admission is based on space availability.