

<b>VENTURA COLLEGE SCHOOL OF NURSING</b>
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<b>CHALLENGE/ADVANCED PLACEMENT INTO THE NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL</b>
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**MILITARY – TRAINED HEALTHCARE PERSONNEL FOR  
CHALLENGE/ADVANCED PLACEMENT POLICY:**

Military Personnel and Veterans may be eligible for enrollment into Ventura College ADN Program based on the following requirements:

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 (ATI 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 100% 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.
4. Recency of education and experience within the last five years prior to application is recommended. However, competency will be verified for each course per program policy.

**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. Two pathways have been established to assist with obtaining nursing credit for previous education and experience.

**Pathway I**

Basic Medical Technician Corpsman (Navy Hospital Medic or Airforce Basic Medical Technician Corpsman).

- a) Challenge exam per college policy for the first semester of the ADN program.
  - i. Colleges have an established number of maximum units that can be challenged.
  - ii. The course(s) challenged are based on the needs and prior experience of the individual requesting.
  - iii. Candidates must meet the same eligibility requirements for admission into the ADN program as other applicants, including completion of prerequisites.

- iv. Candidates must pass a skills competency, nursing care plan, score 75% or above on the Challenge Exam and score 100% on a dosage calculation quiz.

## **Pathway II**

Basic Medical Technician Corpsman (Navy Hospital Medic or Air Force Basic Medical Technician Corpsman) with an active California LVN license (Licensed Vocational Nurse) either through challenge (BVNPT Method 4) or successful completion of an LVN program.

- a) Admissions credit given to applicants as an LVN to RN candidate per school admission policies. This is normally credit for the first semester of the nursing program.
  - b) The program shall determine which course(s) the veteran or corpsman will need to complete based on the criterion established by the program.
  - c) Admission to the program is on a space available basis as any LVN to RN student.
  - d) All ADN prerequisites must be completed prior to the LVN to RN transition course.
1. 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
  2. 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.
  3. 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.
  4. 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.
  5. Advanced Placement will be granted if applicant meets minimum requirements equivalent to those required of students enrolled in the actual course.

### **Please Note:**

\*Associate Degree may require additional coursework per college policy.

\*Military records and transcripts must be reviewed by a counselor and the applicant must have a DD214 showing completion of military coursework and service/discharge under honorable conditions.

\*Admission requirements will be the same or similar for all students.