

Policy Guidelines for Military Personnel Nursing Admission

Military Personnel and Veterans may be eligible for enrollment into a California Community College Associate Degree Nursing Program based on the following requirements:

1. Recency of education and experience within the last five years prior to application is recommended. However, competency may be verified for each course per program policy.
2. Education and experience meet the basic requirements per individual college guidelines.
3. Honorable discharge (DD214) or current active honorable service required (letter from supervisor).

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

Pathway I- Including but not limited to Basic Medical Technician (Navy Hospital Corpsman)) or USAF Basic Medical Service Technician or Army Medical Specialist.

- 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.

Pathway II- Including but not limited to Basic Medical Technician (Navy Hospital Corpsman) or USAF Basic Medical Service Technician or Army Medical Specialist 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 full or partial credit for the first year of the nursing program but may vary from school to school.
- b) An LVN to RN transition course is recommended and be completed with a passing grade per individual program policy.
- c) The program shall determine which course(s) the veteran or corpsman will need to complete based on the criterion established by the program.
- d) Admission to the program is on a space available basis as any LVN to RN student.
- e) Applicants need to demonstrate theory and clinical competency in Obstetrics and Pediatrics. Criteria for determining competency is made by the program. Credit for these specialties are required to be posted on the official transcript.
- f) All ADN prerequisites must be completed prior to the LVN to RN transition course.

Pathway III- Independent Duty Medical Technician (Independent Duty Navy Corpsman) or Army Healthcare Specialist.

- a) Review Smart Transcripts to determine course credits or challenge opportunities based on individual college policies and individual transcript review. Ensure completion of prerequisite coursework per college policy.
- b) Applicants need to demonstrate theory and clinical competency in Obstetrics and Pediatrics. Criteria for determining competency is made by the program. Pediatric and Obstetric credit needs to be posted on the official transcript.
- c) Evaluate transcripts for Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology, Communication, English, and natural and social sciences coursework (these courses must be completed in order to take the NCLEX).
- d) Admission credit given to applicants for applicable education and experience to meet the course learning outcomes is given per college policy. This is normally full or partial credit for the first year of the nursing program but may vary from school to school based on curriculum pathways.
- e) LVN to RN transition course completed with a passing grade per individual program policy.

*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.