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| SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY COLLEGE NURSING PROGRAM |
| CHALLENGE/ADVANCED PLACEMENT INTO THE NURSING 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) may achieve advanced placement into the 2nd semester of the nursing program with documentation of education and experience qualifying them for the specific Military Health Care Occupation and upon successful completion of the challenge exam, dosage calculation exam, and skills check-off competency.

1. Applicants must meet all general entrance requirements of the Associate Degree Nursing Program, including completion of science prerequisite courses, general education courses for the Nursing Major and HESI A2.
2. Acceptance of Military Challenge students into the Associate Degree Nursing Program is contingent upon space availability, and successful passing of the skills check –off competency, achievement of 78% or above on the HESI standard Challenge Exam and 100% on a dosage calculation exam.
3. Military Challenge students who have earned a grade of C- or lower or W in a previous nursing program will not be eligible for admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program.
4. Applicants must be successful on their first attempt no re testing allowed.

PROCEDURE:

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

1. Applicants who may be eligible for advanced placement will 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/equivalency
 - b. documentation of experience of military health care occupation of education DD 214 showing completion of military course work and service/discharge under honorable condition.

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 check-off, 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. example of style and format of examination: HESI Med/Surg I
 - 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. After completion of Nurs 109 successful transitional professional placement will be granted as space is available.
7. Advanced Placement will be granted if applicant meets minimum requirements equivalent to those required of students enrolled in the actual course.