



Military Personnel Advanced Placement/Challenge Policy 2016-17

POLICY:

In accordance with CSU, Chancellor Executive Order 1084, CSUSM Undergraduate Student policies, the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN), SB 466 and SB 1348, American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN/CACN) and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), credit for military education and experience towards nursing courses is available. 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 in the nursing program if they have an active LVN license and pass an LVN skills competency assessment; or if they are accepted to the nursing major and challenge the Introduction to Nursing Care course through testing, and pass a skills competency assessment for the concurrent clinical course. Individuals must have documentation of education and experience qualifying them for the specific Military Health Care Occupation and upon successful completion of the challenge exam, and skills competency assessment.

1. Applicants must meet all general entrance requirements of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program, including completion of science prerequisite courses, general education courses for the Nursing Major and the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS).
2. Acceptance of Military Challenge students into the BSN Program is contingent upon space availability, and successful passing of the skills competency assessment and achievement of 71% or above on the Challenge Exam.

PROCEDURE:

Interested candidates with an LVN license will follow the policy and procedures for applicants to the LVN to BSN program.

Interested candidates for the nursing major must request an appointment with the Nursing Program Director at least four weeks prior to any application period to discuss eligibility requirements for the 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
3. Documentation of experience
4. 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 for the 1st semester nursing Introduction to Nursing course, and a competency skills assessment for the concurrent clinical course.
5. The following materials will be available to the applicant once challenge confirmation is made:
 - a. course syllabus, including course objectives
 - b. content outline or PowerPoint
 - c. bibliography and textbook lists
 - d. example of style and format of examination.
6. Written and skills competency examinations for advanced placement or challenge must be completed four weeks prior to admission to the program, unless waived by the Director of the Nursing Program.
7. Advanced Placement will be granted if applicant meets minimum requirements equivalent to those required of students enrolled in the actual course.