

Veteran Admission Policy

POLICY: Veteran Admission Policy

SECTION: Program Administration

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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 appropriate course of the nursing program, based on individual evaluation. Documentation of education and experience qualifying for the specific Military Health Care Occupation is required.

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 (TEAS) and must be granted a seat in the program.
2. Challenge includes a medication calculation exam (minimum passing score 90%), didactic exams (minimum passing score 75%), psychomotor skills assessments (minimum passing "proficient"). Please see the challenge procedure details accompanying this policy.
3. Applicants applying for advanced placement must submit the following materials verifying education and experience:
 - a. Official transcripts from appropriate educational program(s) demonstrating satisfactory completion of coursework and clinical experience
 - b. Documentation of experience including dates of experience. Experience provided in the form of a resume or Curriculum Vitae.
4. Advanced Placement will be granted if the applicant meets minimum requirements equivalent to those required of students who enrolled in the course from which they will test out of. For example: if N112 is successfully challenged, N114 may then be challenged.
5. If the challenge is unsuccessful, since a seat in the program has already been granted, the veteran will be required to begin the program with N112. Any unsuccessful challenge will be considered a program attempt.

PROCEDURE:

If a veteran is interested and would like to be considered for advanced placement, the following procedures will be followed:

1. Provide documentation of education and experience for the qualifying Military Health Care Occupation. Documentation must be submitted to the HPPS office at least one week before the start of challenge testing.
2. N112 and N114 course syllabi, content outlines, bibliographies, textbook lists and exam format description will be made available.
3. In addition, study guides for the medication calculation exam and the challenge exam and will be available.
4. Following review of the required documents, the veteran will be notified to proceed with the process for challenging the course the individual transcript evaluation deems there is competency.
5. The challenge process must be completed in the following order:

Step 1

Successfully pass a medication calculation exam (matching the content of the course being challenged). Exam time limit is 30 minutes. The minimum passing score is 90%. The student will have three attempts to pass. Upon successful completion of this exam, the veteran may advance to step 2.

Step 2

Successfully pass a written challenge exam(s) for the course(s) being challenged. The minimum passing score is 75% on any challenge exam. Upon successful completion of this exam or exams, the veteran may advance to step 3.

Step 3

Successful completion of psychomotor skills assessment for the courses being challenged. (Example for Nsg 112: vital signs, physical assessment, catheterization of female, sterile dressing change, medication administration to include oral, subcutaneous, intramuscular injections). Evaluation is based on practicum standard used for all of the practicums for the course(s) being challenged. The student must be at the "proficient" level. The instructor's evaluation is final. References to all procedures will be provided following successful passing of the challenge exam and medication calculation exam.

Additional Information:

1. The written exam and medication calculation exams will be available in the HPPS office and will be administered in the TLC. Arrangements are the responsibility of the veteran.
2. Upon successful completion of the exams, the veteran will be contacted, and a mutually acceptable date will be determined by the student and an instructors for the psychomotor skill testing for the course(s) being challenged. Testing is expected to last two to three hours. Location will be determined by the instructor. The veteran may come to lab one hour early to become familiar with the equipment.
3. Demonstration of competent clinical care of one patient, if N114 is being challenged (skills lab or clinical setting) will be scheduled.
4. The entire advanced placement process must be completed no later than one week before the end of the semester in which admission occurred.
5. Veterans who have previously failed another RN program will only be allowed one chance for advanced placement by challenge. After one failure in COC's RN program, the veteran will not be allowed to return.

5/22 Revision: Veterans who successfully meet requirements for advanced placement into the second semester may continue the challenge process in subsequent Nursing courses if their military experience is deemed equivalent to course content by the associated BRN content expert and Nursing Program Director. The procedure for challenging courses will be consistent with the N112/ N114 challenge. Courses must be challenged in the sequence of the nursing program curriculum.

12/2013 Revision: Per BRN Continued Approval Visit in fall 2023, applicants must be individually evaluated and cannot automatically have "advanced placement into second semester".