

**San Joaquin Valley College (SJVC)**  
**Nursing Program**  
**Challenge/Advanced Placement Policy for Military Trained Healthcare Personnel**  
**Requesting Entrance into the RN Nursing Program**

Effective: August 2017

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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 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(s), dosage calculation exam, and skills competency exam.

1. Applicants must meet all general entrance requirements of the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program, including proof of graduation from high school or achievement of GED; completion of designated prerequisites for the Nursing Major with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 on all previous college coursework; current BLS certification from the American Heart Association; completion of the ATI Proctored Fundamentals Pre-Admission Examination; two letters of recommendation; RN interview with nursing department representative; and, completion of a written essay.
2. Applicants must have an honorable discharge, if using this route for admission to the ADN Program.
3. All ADN prerequisites must be completed prior to enrolling in Nursing Courses.
4. Acceptance of Military Challenge students into the ADN Program is contingent upon space availability, and successful completion of the following: skills competency exam, achievement of 75% or above on the Challenge Exam(s) and 75% on the challenge exam for Calculations in Drugs and Solutions.
5. Military challenge students who were not successful in previous nursing programs are not eligible to apply for admission to the ADN Program as an Advanced Placement student.

**PROCEDURE:**

Interested candidates must request an appointment with a Campus Admissions Advisor at least four weeks prior to any application period to discuss eligibility requirements for the ADN Program. Following the evaluation of the candidate meeting the admission requirements for the ADN Program, the candidate will meet with the Nursing Director of the program to determine courses eligible for challenge.

1. Applicants considered 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: official copies of transcripts from appropriate education programs(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 Fundamentals of Nursing, a competency skills exam, and a dosage calculation exam.
- 5. The following materials will be available to the applicant once challenge confirmation is made:
  - a. Course syllabus;
  - b. Bibliography and textbook lists; and
  - c. Example of style and format of examination.
- 6. Written and skills competency examinations for advanced placement or challenge must be completed eight weeks prior to admission to the program.
- 7. Advanced Placement will be granted if applicant meets minimum requirements equivalent to those required of students enrolled in the actual course.