

Imperial Valley College
Associate Degree Registered Nurse Program

CHALLENGE / ADVANCED PLACEMENT FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL AND VETERANS

Policy: Credit for Military-Trained Healthcare Personnel

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 IVC Associate Degree Registered Nursing (ADRN) program with documentation of education and experience qualifying them for the specific Military Health Care Occupation and upon successful completion of the challenge exam, skills competency evaluation, and a dosage calculation exam.

Individuals who have held one or more of the above Military Health Car Occupations **AND** hold a current active California LVN license may achieve advanced placement into the 3rd semester of the IVC ADRN Program with documentation of education and experience qualifying them for the specific Military Health Care Occupation and upon successful completion of the challenge exam, skills competency evaluation, and a dosage calculation exam.

1. Applicants must meet all general requirements of Imperial Valley College.
 - a. Students who complete at least 180 days of active duty including Basic Training may receive credit for HE 100 (2u) and PE 110(2u).
 - b. Up to a maximum of 12 additional units may be awarded for course work completed successfully in military service schools beyond basic training using the American Council on Education as the guide
2. Applicants must meet all general entrance requirements of the Associate Degree Registered Nursing (ADRN) Program, including completion of designated prerequisites and the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS).
3. Acceptance of Military Challenge students into the ADRN Program is contingent upon
 - a. space availability,
 - b. successful verification of skills competency,
 - c. score of 75% or above on the Challenge Exam, and
 - d. score of 100% on a dosage calculation quiz.
4. Military Challenge students admitted to the ADRN Program after academic failure at another nursing school will not be eligible for re-entry after academic failure, or withdrawal to avoid academic failure, from the IVC ADRN Program.
5. 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.

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6. All ADRN prerequisites must be completed prior to entering the ADRN Program. Associate Degree may require additional coursework per college policy
7. Written and clinical competency examinations for advanced placement or challenge must be completed eight (8) weeks prior to admission to the program, unless waived by the Director of the Nursing Program.
8. Advanced Placement will be granted if applicant meets minimum requirements equivalent to those required of students enrolled in the actual course.

Procedure:

Interested candidates must request an appointment with the Program Director one (1) semester prior to the application period to discuss eligibility requirements for admission to the ADRN Program.

Pathway 1: Basic Medical Technician Corpsman (Navy Hospital Medic or Air Force Basic Medical Technical Corpsman) or Army Health Care Specialist (68-W Army Medic) or Air Force Independent Duty Medical Technician (IMDT 4N0X1C), or Advanced Army Medic, or Advanced Air Force Medic

1. Satisfactorily completed, within the last 3 years, the education and experience as Basic Corpsman, or Health Care Specialist, or Medic, or Medical Technician.
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; and
 - b. documentation of experience
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 ADRN Program admission requirements, the student will be required to take
 - a. a written challenge examination covering nursing fundamentals,
 - b. a competency skills evaluation covering nursing fundamentals, and
 - c. a dosage calculation exam
4. The following materials will be available to the applicant once challenge confirmation is made:
 - d. course syllabus, including course objectives;
 - e. content outline;
 - f. bibliography and textbook lists; and
 - g. example of style and format of examination.

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Pathway 2: Basic Medical Technician Corpsman (Navy Hospital Medic or Air Force Basic Medical Technician Corpsman) **AND** hold a current and active California LVN license.

1. Admissions credit given to applicants as an LVN to RN candidate per the IVC ADRN Program admission policies.
2. After a review of the applicant's documentation, and upon determination the at the applicant has met the educational and experience requirements, as well as the additional ADRN Program admission requirements, the applicant must demonstrate theory and clinical competency in obstetrics. Therefore, the applicant will be required to take:
 - a. a written challenge examination covering nursing fundamentals and obstetrics,
 - b. a competency skills evaluation covering nursing fundamentals and obstetrics, and
 - c. a dosage calculation exam
3. The following materials will be available to the applicant once challenge confirmation is made:
 - a. course syllabus, including course objectives;
 - b. content outline;
 - c. bibliography and textbook lists; and
 - d. example of style and format of examination.