

**CUESTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE REGISTRATION NURSING PROGRAM**  
**CHALLENGE/ADVANCED PLACEMENT FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL**

The Cuesta College RN Program recognizes the service and sacrifices that U.S. Military Personnel and Veterans have made for our country. We are proud to offer an opportunity for veterans to earn credit for their work, educational experience, and background.

**Policy:**

1. Individuals who have documented military education and experience in health care occupations, within two years of desired entry into the nursing program, may be eligible for advanced placement into the nursing program. Examples of military health care experience include 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) 2. Honorable discharge (DD-214) or active service is required.
3. Acceptance is contingent upon space availability, demonstration of skills competency, 75% or higher on the Challenge Exam, 100% on the Dosage Calculation Exam, and meeting facility requirements for clinical placement (if applicable).
4. Applicants must meet all general entrance requirements of the RN Program, including completion of pre-requisites, additional required coursework, and assessment testing.
5. Military Challenge students admitted to the Cuesta College RN program after academic failure at another school will not be eligible for re-entry at Cuesta College if they are dismissed for academic failure, or withdrawal to avoid academic failure.

**Procedure:**

1. Interested candidates will request an appointment with the Director of Nursing at least 3 months prior to the desired entry date to discuss eligibility requirements for the RN program.
2. Documentation of education and clinical experience for military health care occupations is submitted and will be reviewed to verify satisfactory completion of education and experience.
  - a. transcripts from appropriate education program(s), demonstrating satisfactory completion of coursework and clinical experience;
  - b. documentation of experience on official letterhead
3. Official documentation of entrance requirements into the Cuesta College RN program, including completion of designated prerequisite and other courses, and score a minimum Adjusted Individual Total Score of 62% or higher on the nursing readiness entrance examination, the ATI TEAS is submitted for review.
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 invited to take the challenge exam, skills competency evaluation, and a dosage calculation exam. Challenge exams will be offered once annually. The dosage calculation exam must be with a score of 100% within three attempts.

5. The following materials will be made available to the applicant once the student is invited to test for the above: Course syllabus, including course content, objectives, and required textbook list.
6. Advanced Placement will be granted if applicant meets minimum requirements equivalent to those required of students enrolled in the actual course.