



Nursing and Allied Health Department

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CHALLENGE/ADVANCED PLACEMENT FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL
into the Associate Degree Registered Nursing (RN) Program

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.

Individuals who have held Military Healthcare 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 4NOX1c) may achieve advanced placement (AP) into the 2nd semester of the Associate Degree Registered Nursing Program.

Note: Military personnel or veterans with an active CA LVN License received either through challenge (VVNPT Method 4) or successful completion of an LVN Program should contact the Director of Nursing to discuss the application process to the **Advanced Placement LVN to RN program**.

Challenge/Advanced Placement for Military Personnel into the Cuesta College RN Program

Policy:

1. Individuals who have documented military education and experience in health care occupations may be eligible for advanced placement into the 2nd semester of the nursing program. Examples of military health care experience include Army Health Care Specialist, or Air Force Independent Duty Medical Technician.
2. Honorable discharge (DD-214) or current active honorable service required (letter from supervisor).
3. Acceptance is contingent upon space availability, demonstration of skills competency, 75% or greater on the Challenge Exam and 100% on a Dosage Calculation Exam.
4. Applicants must meet all general entrance requirements of the Associate Degree RN Program, including completion of pre-requisites and other required coursework.
5. Placement is on a space available basis.
6. Military Challenge students admitted to the Associate Degree Nursing Program at Cuesta college 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, from the Cuesta College Associate Degree Nursing Program.

Procedure:

Interested candidates must request an appointment with the Director of Nursing by June 1, prior to the desired Spring Semester (second semester) entry date to discuss eligibility requirements for the Associate Degree Registered Nursing Program.

1. Applicants who may be eligible for advanced placement include those individuals who have satisfactory completed 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. Documentation of education and clinical experience for military health care occupations must demonstrate satisfactory completion of education and experience. Official transcript(s) **and** documentation of experience (on official letterhead) must be submitted for review.
3. Applicants must meet all general entrance requirements of the Associate Degree Nursing 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.
4. After a review of the applicant's documentation, and upon determination that the applicant has met the nursing program admission requirements, the student will be invited to take and pass challenge exams for:
 - i. NRAD 201A Nurse Caring Concepts (must pass with 75% or greater)
 - ii. NRAD 201B Nurse Caring Practicum (must pass with 75% or greater)
 - iii. NRAD 202D Decision Making Data 1 (must pass with 75% or greater)
 - iv. 1st Semester Skills Competency Assessment
 - v. Dosage Calculation Exam (must pass with 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:
 - a. Course syllabus, including course objectives
 - b. Content outline
 - c. Bibliography and textbooks lists
 - d. Example of style and format of examination
6. The challenge exams and skills assessment must be completed in the timeframe specified by the Nursing Program.
7. Advanced Placement will be granted if applicant meets minimum requirement equivalent to those required of students enrolled in the actual course.
8. Placement is on a space available basis.