CITRUS COLLEGE ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM CHALLENGE/ADVANCED PLACEMENT INTO THE NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR MILITARY 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 4NOXIC) may achieve advance placement with documentation of education and experience qualifying them for the specific Military Health Care Occupation and upon successful completion of the challenge exam, dosage calculation exam, and skills competency exam. This option is not applicable to current Licensed Vocational Nurses.

The veteran must have discharged under "honorable" condition. Please review and follow the policies below:

- 1. Individuals who have documented military education and experience in health care occupation may be eligible for advanced placement into Citrus Nursing Program.
- 2. Documentation of education and clinical experience for military health care occupation must demonstrate satisfactory completion of education and experience. Official transcript(s) and documentation of experience (on official letterhead) must be submitted.
- 3. Applicants must meet all general entrance requirements of the Associate Degree Nursing Program, including completion of science prerequisite courses, general education courses for the Nursing Major and the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS).
- 4. Acceptance of Military Challenge students into the Associate Degree Nursing Program is contingent upon space availability, and successful passing of the skills competency exam, achievement of 75% or above on the Challenge Exam and 100% on a dosage calculation exam.
- 5. Military Challenge students who have earned a grade C or lower, or W in a previous nursing program will not be eligible for admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program.

Petition for Credit by Examination

- 1. A student may petition for credit by examination.
- 2. The student must be enrolled and pay all fees.
- 3. The current established theory and clinical course outline, objectives learning activities and recommended readings in the course/s being challenged will be used.
- 4. The examination criteria, theory and clinical, will be the same criteria currently established for the specific course/s being challenged.
- 5. The theory challenged examination must be passed at 75% or higher before the clinical portion can be challenged.
- 6. The clinical portion must be passed as "Satisfactory." If the clinical portion results in "failure," the whole course being <u>challenged must be taken.</u>
- 7. Theory, clinical and skills lab must be passed to receive a grade for the course.

PROCEDURE

Interested candidates must request an appointment with the Nursing Counselor <u>at least three to four months prior to the start of the spring semester</u> to discuss eligibility requirements for the Associate Degree Nursing Program.

- 1. Applicants who may be eligible for advanced placement will include those individuals who have satisfactorily completed, within the last three 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:
 - a. transcripts from appropriate education program(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 the 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 the 1st semester nursing courses, skills competency and dosage calculation exams.
- 5. 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.
- 6. Written and skills competency examinations for advanced placement or challenge must be completed <u>eight to twelve weeks</u> prior to admission to the program, unless waived by the Director of the Nursing Program.
- 7. Advanced Placement will be granted if applicant meets minimum requirements equivalent to those required of students enrolled in the actual course.

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