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Military Personnel Challenge/Advanced Placement Policy:

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 appropriate challenge exams, dosage calculation exam and skills competency evaluation.

1. Applicants must meet all general entrance requirements of the associate degree nursing program, including completion of designated prerequisites and the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS).
2. Acceptance of military challenge students into the Saddleback College Associate Degree Nursing Program is contingent upon space availability.
3. For each course challenged, successful completion of a challenge exam, dosage calculation quiz, and skills competencies, in this specified order, are required for acceptance into the nursing program (see nursing policies: III.12 and III.4).
4. Applicants must be successful on their first attempt; no retesting allowed.
5. Applicant must have been released from the military with an honorable discharge.

PROCEDURE:

Interested candidates must request an appointment with the program director at least four weeks prior to the application period (See Saddleback College Nursing Website for application period) to discuss eligibility requirements for the associate degree nursing program.

1. Applicants who may be eligible for advanced placement 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 (IDMT 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;
 - 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 nursing program admission requirements, the student will be required to

take a challenge examination, a dosage calculation exam and a competency skills evaluation.

4. The following materials will be available to the applicant once authorization for challenge is cleared:
 - a. course syllabus, including course objectives,
 - b. content outline,
 - c. bibliography and textbook lists, and
 - d. example of style and format of examination.
5. Written and skills competency examinations for advanced placement or challenge must be completed eight weeks prior to admission to the program, unless waived by the director of the nursing program.
6. After completion of N162 Successful Transitional to Professional Nursing, placement will be granted as space is available.
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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