Military Challenge Advanced Placement Policy

POLICY:
In compliance with Senate Bill 466 and Title 16, California Code of Regulations (CCR) § 1423.1, Military Personnel and Veterans may be eligible for advanced placement into the Bakersfield College Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program. Individuals with military health education and experience who have held Military Health Care Occupations may be eligible to obtain credit for ADN program courses. Specific occupations may include Basic Medical Technician Corpsman (Navy HM or Air Force BMTC), Army Health Care Specialist (68W Army Medic), or Air Force Independent Duty Medical Technician (IMDT 4N0X1C). Other military health education and experiences shall be considered and evaluated independent of occupation.

Applicants must complete the following in order to receive credit for nursing courses and to be eligible for the ADN program:

1. Have their military records and transcripts reviewed by the designated nursing Educational Advisor or Counselor, and Program Director

2. Have a DD-214 showing completion of military coursework, service and discharge under honorable conditions or show a current active honorable service required (letter from supervisor).

3. Meet all general entrance requirements of the ADN Program, including all program health and safety requirements and completion of designated prerequisites. If conditionally selected into the program, the student is required to complete a diagnostic assessment and earn a minimal score of 62%.

4. Pass the applicable written challenge exams with a 75% or higher, and obtain a satisfactory level of achievement on skills competency.

5. Achieve 100% on the medication administration competency exam.

6. Present a letter of good standing from previous Nursing Program Director(s) if transferring from another nursing program.

7. Acceptance of Military Challenge students into the ADN Program is contingent upon space availability.
PROCEDURE:
1. Interested applicants must request an appointment with the Program Director at least eight (8) weeks prior to the application period to discuss eligibility requirements for the ADN program.

2. Applicants applying for credit by exam, transfer credit, previous nursing experience or education including military education and experience must submit the following materials verifying education and experience:
   a. Official transcripts from all colleges attended
   b. Course descriptions and/or course syllabi from appropriate education program(s) demonstrating satisfactory completion of coursework, clinical and or experience, including military records and transcripts (DD- 214).
   c. A letter from supervisor if hold a current active honorable service.

3. Evaluation of the experience(s) or courses will be performed by the Program Director and Content Expert(s).

4. Once eligibility has been determined the applicant will be required to take and pass written challenge examination(s), skills competency performance exam(s), and medication administration competency exam.

5. After a review of the applicant’s documentation and experience, and upon determination that the applicant has met the educational and experience requirements, as well as the additional nursing program requirements, the student will be required to take and pass challenge examinations.

6. Written and skills competency examinations for placement or challenge must be completed eight weeks (8) prior to admission to the program. The Program Director will provide the following study materials:
   a. Course syllabi
   b. Course objectives
   c. Content outlines
   d. Reference and textbook lists, and
   e. Examples of style and format of questions/exam.
5. At the discretion of the Program Director, and space availability, the applicant will receive an Advanced Placement seat upon meeting the minimum requirements.