

<b>GAVILAN COLLEGE ALLIED HEALTH DEPARTMENT</b>
<b>ADVANCED STANDING / CHALLENGE INTO THE NURSING PROGRAM FOR MILITARY MEDICS</b>
Effective Date: 11/2016 Review: 04/2018

**Advanced Placement / Challenge for Military – Trained Healthcare Personnel:**

Individuals who have held Military Health Care Occupations, specifically: Basic Medical Technician Corpsman (Navy HM or Air Force BMTCP), Army Health Care Specialist (68 W Army Medic) or Air Force Independent Duty Medical Technician (IMDT 4N0X1C) may achieve advanced placement into the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of the Licensed Vocational Nursing (LVN) Program 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 evaluation.

1. Applicants must meet all general entrance requirements of the LVN Nursing Program, including completion of designated prerequisites and passing the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) with a composite score of 62.
2. Acceptance of Military Challenge students into the LVN Challenge Exam and 90% on a dosage calculation exam and skills exam. See specific timeline below.
3. Military Medic Challenge students admitted to the LVN Nursing Program after failure at another school will not be eligible for re-entry after academic failure, or withdrawal to avoid academic failure from the Gavilan College Associate Degree Nursing Program. Thereby meaning that the student will have only 2 chances to pass the program courses. Gavilan College will consider the failure at the previous institution as the first failure.

**PROCEDURE:**

Interested candidates must request an appointment with the Program Director after passing the TEAS exam for the application period to discuss eligibility requirements for the LVN Nursing Program.

1. Applicants who may be eligible for challenge / advanced standing include those individuals who have satisfactorily completed, within the last 2 years, education and experience for the following:
  - a. Basic Medical Technician Corpsman (Navy HM or Air Force BMTCP)
  - b. Army Health Care Specialist (68 W Army Medic)
  - c. Air Force Independent Duty Medical Technician (IMDT 4N0X1C)
2. Applicants applying for transfer credit must submit the following material verifying education and experience:
  - a. Transcripts from 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 experiential requirements, as well as the additional

nursing program admission requirements, the student will be required to take a written challenge exam, a competency skills evaluation and a dosage calculation exam.

4. The following materials will be available to the applicant once challenge confirmation is made:
  - a. Course syllabus, including objectives
  - b. Content outline
  - c. Bibliography and textbook lists
  - d. Example of style and format of examination
  
5. Written and skills competency examinations for advanced placement or challenge must be completed June 18, 2018 prior to admission to the program. Advanced Placement will be granted if the applicant meets minimum requirements equivalent to those required of students enrolled in the actual course.

Advanced Placement to Second Semester (AH52) requirements:

To determine competency to place in the second semester:

- Apply to the college and to the Nursing Program November 1 to December, 2018 (see online application).
- Applicant military transcripts will be interpreted.
- Applicant must have completed determined prerequisites (see online application).
- Pass the ATI entrance exam: May 2019.
- Meet with the Director after passing the ATI exam.
- Pay fees for course challenges at Admissions & Records by June 17, 2019.
- Pass a dosage calculation test: AH51 Dosage Calculations Final Exam by June 17, 2019.
- Pass a written challenge exam: AH 51 Final Exam by June 17, 2019.
- Pass Skills testing by June 17, 2019.

If the applicant does not pass the identified exams, he / she will be priority placed in AH 51.