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 N114 of the nursing program. Documentation of education and experience qualifying for the specific Military Health Care Occupation is required.

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) and must be granted a seat in the program.

2. Challenge includes a medication calculation exam (minimum passing score 100%), didactic exam (minimum passing score 75%), and psychomotor skill assessment (minimum passing “proficient”). Please see the challenge procedure details accompanying this policy.

3. Applicants applying for advanced placement must submit the following materials verifying education and experience:
   a. Official transcripts from appropriate educational program(s) demonstrating satisfactory completion of coursework and clinical experience
   b. Documentation of experience including dates of experience. Experience provided in the form of a resume or Curriculum Vitae.

4. Advanced Placement will be granted if the applicant meets minimum requirements equivalent to those required of students enrolled in the N112.

5. Veterans who have previously failed another RN program will only be allowed one chance for advanced placement by challenge (See #6; policy for unsuccessful challenge). After one failure in COC’s RN program, the veteran will not be allowed to return.

6. If the challenge is unsuccessful, since a seat in the program has already been granted, the veteran will be required to begin the program with N112.
PROCEDURE:

If a veteran is interested and would like to be considered for advanced placement, the following procedures will be followed:

1. Provide documentation of education and experience for the qualifying Military Health Care Occupation. Documentation must be submitted to the Math, Science, and Health Professions office at least one week before the start of challenge testing.
2. N112 course syllabus, content outline, bibliography, textbook lists and exam format description will be made available.
3. In addition, study guides for the medication calculation exam and the challenge exam and will be available.
4. Following review of the required documents, the veteran will be notified to proceed with the process for challenging N112.
5. The challenge process must be completed in the following order:

   Step 1
   - Successfully pass a medication calculation exam (N112 content). Exam time limit is 30 minutes. The minimum passing score is 100%. The student will have three attempts to pass. Upon successful completion of this exam, the veteran may advance to step 2.

   Step 2
   - Successfully pass a written challenge exam (N112 Fundamentals and Pharmacology content). The minimum passing score is 75%. Upon successful completion of this exam, the veteran may advance to step 3.

   Step 3
   - Successful completion of psychomotor skills assessment (vital signs, physical assessment, catheterization of female, sterile dressing change, medication administration to include oral, subcutaneous, intramuscular injections). Evaluation is based on practicum standard used for all N112 practicum. The student must be at the “proficient” level. The instructor’s evaluation is final. References to all procedures will be provided following successful passing of the challenge exam and medication calculation exam.

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Additional Information:

1. The written exam and medication calculation exams will be available in the Math, Sciences and Health Professions office and will be administered in the TLC. Arrangements are the responsibility of the veteran.

2. Upon successful completion of the exams, the veteran will be contacted, and a mutually acceptable date will be determined by the student and one of the Foundations instructors for psychomotor skill testing. Testing is expected to last two hours. Location will be determined by the instructor. The veteran may come to lab one hour early to become familiar with the equipment.

3. The entire advanced placement process must be completed no later than one week before the end of the semester in which admission occurred.

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