

VICTOR VALLEY COLLEGE ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM

Policy Guidelines for Military Personnel Nursing Admission

Military Personnel and Veterans may be eligible for enrollment into Victor Valley College (VVC) Associate Degree Nursing Program based on the following requirements:

1. Recency of education and experience within the last five years prior to application is recommended. However, competency may be verified for each course per program policy.
2. Education and experience meet the basic requirements VVC guidelines.
3. Honorable discharge (DD214) or current active honorable service required (letter from supervisor).

Three pathways have been established to assist with obtaining nursing credit for previous education and experience.

Pathway I- Including but not limited to Basic Medical Technician (Navy Hospital Corpsman) or USAF Basic Medical Service Technician or Army Medical Specialist.

- a) Credit by exam per VVC policy for the NURS 246 assessment and nursing skills (units 3.0).
 - i. VVC has an established number of maximum units that can be challenged.
 - ii. The course(s) challenged are based on the needs and prior experience of the individual requesting.
 - iii. Candidates must meet the same eligibility requirements for admission into the ADN program as other applicants, including completion of prerequisites.

Pathway II- Including but not limited to Basic Medical Technician (Navy Hospital Corpsman) or USAF Basic Medical Service Technician or Army Medical Specialist with an active California LVN license (Licensed Vocational Nurse) either through challenge (BVNPT Method 4) or successful completion of an LVN program.

- a) Admissions credit given to applicants as an LVN to RN candidate per VVC ADN admission policies. This is the first required course (NURS 246) *Assessment and Nursing Skills* (3 units)
- b) The nursing department shall determine which course(s) the veteran or corpsman will need to complete based on the criterion established by the program requirements.
- c) Admission to the program is on a space available basis as any LVN to RN student.
- d) All ADN prerequisites must be completed prior to application to the program.

Optional: Some programs may elect to offer Pathway III

Pathway III- Independent Duty Medical Technician (Independent Duty Navy Corpsman) or Army Healthcare Specialist.

- a) Review Joint Services Transcripts to determine course credits or challenge opportunities based on individual college policies and individual transcript review. Ensure completion of prerequisite coursework per college policy.
- b) Evaluate transcripts for Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology, Communication, English, and natural and social sciences coursework (these courses must be completed in order to take the NCLEX).
- c) Admission credit given to applicants for applicable education and experience to meet the course learning outcomes is given per college policy. This is normally full or partial credit for the first year of the nursing program but may vary from school to school based on curriculum pathways.

*Associate Degree may require additional coursework per college policy.

*Military records and transcripts must be reviewed by a counselor and the applicant must have a DD214 showing completion of military coursework and service/discharge under honorable conditions.

*Admission requirements will be the same or similar for all students.