



LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY

School of Nursing

## **Military Trained Healthcare Personnel Challenge/Equivalency Examinations & Advanced Placement**

### **PURPOSE:**

Individuals who have held military health care occupations in the areas including, but not limited to, Basic Medical Technician Corpsmen (Navy HM or Air Force BMTCP), Army Health Care Specialist, or Air Force Independent Duty Medical Technician may be eligible to apply for advanced placement in the nursing program at Loma Linda School of Nursing (LLUSN), if they are able to provide verifiable education and experience required to meet the equivalency.

### **PROCESS:**

Interested candidates are advised to meet with the Associate Dean of the Undergraduate Program at LLUSN at least four weeks prior to application to review eligibility requirements for the BS Degree in Nursing. Following the meeting with the Associate Dean, an application and supporting documentation can be completed and submitted to LLUSN Admission Department.

In order to receive credit and qualify for Military Advanced Placement, the candidate requesting advanced placement:

1. Must meet the same eligibility requirements and academic prerequisites as the generic LLUSN applicants and receive a minimum passing score of the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) exam and the Critical Thinking Exam.
2. Have proof of honorable discharge from the military or current active honorable service.
3. Have documentation of education and experience qualifying them for the specific Military Health Care Occupation. This education and experience must meet the equivalency requirements.
4. Meet theory and clinical competency by successfully passing theory challenge exams with a 76% or greater, medical math proficiency exam at 90% or greater.

### **PROCEDURE:**

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Application and supporting documentation will be reviewed by the Admissions Department and completed applications will be taken to Admission Committee for final decision.

The applicant may meet academic requirements by passing an examination at least equal in scope and difficulty to examinations in the course. Challenge examination for nursing courses include both a written test covering theory and an examination of clinical competence. See the “Schedule of Charges” in the University Catalog under academic policies and information for detailed description of the process and fees related to challenge examinations.

The applicant will have access to the following course materials before the Challenge Exam:

1. Course Outline & Syllabus
2. Current textbook and resource list information for courses being challenged
3. A copy of the specific challenge procedures for courses being challenged

Applicants will be granted enrollment for Advance Placement upon meeting all requirements, including passing of all Challenge Exams, if space is available in the courses.