

Gavilan College Policy Guidelines for Military Personnel Applying to LVN to RN Program

Please note that the Registered Nursing Program is severely impacted and returning Gavilan College registered nursing students have first priority for placement. It is wise to apply to several programs.

Who is Eligible?

Individuals who have held health care occupations while serving on active military duty in the Armed Forces of the United States and discharged under honorable conditions may be admitted to the Registered Nursing Program on a space-available basis following completion of all required courses and other requirements

Basic Medical/Healthcare Technicians (Navy Hospitalman, Air Force BMTCP, and Army Medic) are not eligible for advance standing, but must start at the beginning of our program. As a veteran, three (3) points will be credited to the multi-criteria as part of the admission process to the generic nursing program.

Applicants who may be eligible for advanced placement are those individuals who have satisfactorily completed, within the last two years education and experience in the following:

- a. Army Health Care Specialist (Army Medic with advanced specialty training)
- b. Air Force Independent Duty Medical Technician
- c. 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
- d. Navy Independent Duty Corpsman

Applicants seeking advanced placement and applying for transfer credit must submit the following materials verifying education and experience:

- a. Transcripts/documentation from appropriate education program(s) and/or military training demonstrating satisfactory completion of coursework and clinical experience;
- b. Documentation of experience and assignments.

Requirements for Advanced Placement

• Honorable discharge from any of the United States Armed Services.



- At least 1 year experience working as a medical service technician in the US Armed Forces within the last two years.
- Meet Eligibility Requirements for Pre-requisites/Courses for Graduation
- Achieve minimum score on the ATI TEAS exam (Test of Essential Academic Skills) of 62% or higher on 1st attempt
- Military Challenge students admitted to the Associate Degree Nursing Program after academic 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.
- Acceptance of Military Challenge students into the Associate Degree Nursing Program is contingent upon meeting the following:
 - Meet requirements for enrollment as a Registered Nursing Student
 - Space availability in any semester in the LVN to RN nursing program
 - Validation of basic nursing skills, complete physical assessment, medication administration (all routes), written application of the nursing process, concept mapping/pathophysiology diagramming, and other skills deemed essential to be able to start in the second semester of the program.
 - Validation of prior knowledge of Nursing Fundamentals, Beginning Pharmacology and beginning Medical-Surgical nursing by passing tests in these 3 areas with a grade of 75% or higher.
 - Pass a nursing math exam following the nursing program math policy.

ADN prerequisites

- Must be completed prior to admission into the nursing program which include Human Anatomy, General Microbiology, Human Physiology, Nutrition, the Person in the Life Cycle, English Composition, Introduction to Public Speaking, Introduction to Sociology, Algebra II, Introduction to Psychology and LVN program. A minimum 2.5 GPA is required in the sciences.
- Additional General Education and Graduation requirements will be required to receive an AA in Nursing.
- See the College Catalog for specific information.

ATI TEAS Test

- Passed ATI TEAS test at adjusted individual score of 62% or higher.
- An unofficial copy of the TEAS score must be included with the application.



- If admitted, official test results from ATI Testing must be submitted, unless the test is taken at Gavilan College.
- Students who do not acquire an Adjusted Individual score of 62% or higher on the TEAS test will be required to complete remediation prior to testing again.
- Only the first valid score on the ATI TEAS test will be accepted.
- In the event of a non-passing score on the second attempt after remediation, the student will not be eligible for admission.