

## SWC ADN Student Handbook

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### Credit for Previous Coursework

#### LVN Transition Students

Upon successful completion of ADN 115 (Transition Course), the LVN student will receive 19 units of credit for the first year of the ADN Program. The students must provide a copy of the LVN License plus a copy of their transcript from their LVN Program.

#### Military Students

All military, active duty and/or veterans, will have their military transcripts evaluated for equivalency including their life experiences, which will be reviewed for nursing coursework equivalence. There is a two year recency requirement for clinical equivalence to be granted.

**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 the nursing program with documentation of education and experience qualifying them for the specific Military Health Care Occupation. Military transcripts/coursework will be examined for equivalence for prospective students with current/past military education.

If the student is an **IDC** (Independent Duty Corpsman), their military transcript (and other transcripts) will be examined, and equivalency given as appropriate based on previous coursework for evaluation of entering the LVN to RN Program. There must be evidence of pediatric and obstetric coursework and clinical experience to enter the LVN to RN Transition Program. If there are minimal hours for pediatrics and obstetrics, the candidate may be asked to complete additional course work in pediatrics and obstetrics to meet the California Board of Registered Nursing curriculum regulations.

If the student is a **military corpsman (or similar military trade)** as identified in the various Military Branches), their military transcripts (and other transcripts) will be evaluated for equivalence. The Military active duty student, and/or veteran will not only have their transcripts evaluated for equivalency, but their life experiences will also be reviewed for nursing coursework equivalence.

#### Other Applicants

All student's entering the Nursing and Health Program have the right to have their previous course work and/or work experience reviewed by the Counseling Dept. and/or the Nursing Director for Nursing and Health Occupations for nursing and health occupations coursework equivalence.

**Note:** All prospective ADN students, including military applicants, must demonstrate completion of all pre-requisites, including the TEAS test. Completion is considered to be evidence of a course completion of the prerequisite, successful credit by challenge examination, or through equivalence granted for previous coursework, work experience, and/or life experiences.

**Procedure:** Prospective students are to organize a meeting with the Nursing Programs staff to review their transcripts a minimum of one month prior to application period. All applications will be reviewed by the Nursing Programs Director and a meeting may be required for application clarification. The student may request a meeting to meet with the Nursing Director.

### **Credit by Challenge Policy for Nursing Programs**

- The student requesting Credit by Challenge will meet all the guidelines as stated in the current SWC College Catalogue.
- The student will obtain a Credit by Challenge Petition form from the college Admissions Dept. The student will complete the student section of the form and submit the form to the Admission Dept. for residence and eligibility clearance.
- Upon receipt of the petition request, the Nursing Director will determine if the student has met the minimal theory and clinical background needed to challenge the course.
  - All pre-requisites for the nursing program must be met prior to a request for Credit by Challenge being considered by the Nursing Director.
  - The student must have current (within one year) clinical experience that is an appropriate substitute for the clinical course being challenged.
  - The student that wants to enter the LVN to RN Step-up Program and challenge the LVN to RN transition course (ADN 115) must provide evidence of current clinical and theoretical experience that correlates to the first year of the ADN Program. There must be evidence of clinical practice at the RN student level appropriate for first and second semester of the ADN Program.
  - No nursing faculty instruction/tutoring will be provided to the student who is challenging the nursing course.
  - A student who has received a failing grade in a nursing course may not do a credit by challenge for that same course at a later date.
- The Director of Nursing will assign a faculty to administer the challenge examination.
- The student will be provided with a course syllabus and list of textbooks required for that course.
- Depending on the nursing course to be challenged, the student may be required to take a written examination, a clinical examination, a dosage calculation competency and/or complete course written assignments to receive credit for the course being challenged.
  - The Dosage Calculation competency requires a 90% accuracy to be considered a pass. That is the first test to be taken for all nursing course challenges and the student must be successful with this competency to continue with the challenge.
  - The student must meet the 78% grade required for all nursing courses to receive credit for the course (with the exception of the Dosage Calculation competency which is 90%).

Once the course challenge is complete, a report of grade by credit or no credit will be sent to the student records; Admissions Dept. and the final grade recorded in the student's file.