Policy for Military Personnel Nursing Admission

Military Personnel and Veterans may be eligible for enrollment into the Rio Hondo College Associate Degree Nursing Program through two pathways 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 per college guidelines.
3. Honorable discharge (DD214) or current active honorable service required (letter from supervisor).

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

   a) Challenge exams per college policy for courses taught in the first semester of the nursing program.
      i. Rio Hondo college allows a maximum of 12 units (not in residency) to be challenged.
      ii. The course(s) challenged are based on the learning needs and prior experience of the individual applying.
      iii. Candidates must meet the same eligibility requirements for admission into the ADN program as other applicants, including completion of prerequisites.
   b) Associate degree may require additional coursework per college policy.
   c) Military records and transcripts must be reviewed by a Rio Hondo College Counselor and the applicant must have a DD214 showing completion of military coursework and service/discharge under honorable conditions.
   d) Admission requirements will be the same or similar for all students.

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 school admission policies. This is credit for the first year of the nursing program.
   b) An LVN to RN transition course is required to be completed with a passing grade per program policy.
   c) Admission to the program is on a space available basis as any LVN to RN student.
   d) Applicants need to demonstrate theory and clinical competency in Obstetrics and Pediatrics. Criteria for determining competency is made by the program. Credit for these specialties are required to be posted on the original transcript.
e) All ADN prerequisites must be completed prior to the LVN to RN transition course.
f) Associate degree may require additional coursework per college policy.
g) Military records and transcripts must be reviewed by a Rio Hondo College Counselor and the applicant must have a DD214 showing completion of military coursework and service/discharge under honorable conditions.
h) Admission requirements will be the same or similar for all students.
i) Admission to the program is on a space available basis as any advanced placement student