



Copper Mountain College Registered Nursing Program

Copper Mountain College (CMC) offers an Associate of Science-Registered Nursing (ADN) degree. The Registered Nursing (RN) Program is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN).

TRAINED MILITARY HEALTHCARE PERSONNEL CHALLENGE ADMISSION POLICY (Senate Bill 466)

Effective June 2026

Copper Mountain College Nursing Department offers a Military Challenge pathway for eligible applicants with qualifying military education and experience who seek entry into the RN Program at a level above first semester. Military Challenge applicants may challenge RN courses in accordance with Copper Mountain College Administrative Procedure (AP) 4235, Credit for Prior Learning (CPL), and may be required to complete challenge examinations and/or other assessment processes as determined by program requirements.

General admission requirements applicable to all applicants, including Military Challenge applicants, are outlined in the CMC ADN Admission Policy located on the Registered Nursing webpage: <https://www.cmccd.edu/programs/registered-nursing>

Please note: Changes to the Credit for Prior Learning process are anticipated beginning Fall 2026 and requirements may be updated as additional guidance becomes available.

The following requirements apply specifically to Military Challenge applicants:

- A. Interested Military Challenge applicants must request an appointment with the RN Program Director to discuss Military Challenge eligibility requirements for the RN Program. Please send an email to nursing@cmccd.edu or contact the nursing office at (760) 366-5241 to schedule an appointment with the Nursing Program Director. Challenge examinations and/or other assessments will be administered at a date to be coordinated between the nursing department and the applicant.
- B. Applicants who may be eligible for Military Challenge include honorably discharged individuals who have held Military Health Care Occupations equal but not limited to the following:

- Basic Medical Technician Corpsman (Navy HM or Air Force BMTCP).
 - Army Health Care Specialist (68W Army Medic).
 - Air Force Independent Duty Medical Technician (IMDT 4N0X1C).
- C. Applicants applying for Military Challenge placement must submit the following materials verifying education and experience:
- Official Joint Services (SMART) Transcript from appropriate military education program(s) demonstrating satisfactory completion of military education and clinical experience within the previous two (2) years.
 - Documentation of military work experience in the Military Health Care Occupation
 - Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) documenting Honorable Discharge.
- D. All prerequisite courses required for the RN Program must be completed within nine (9) years of application for admission.
- E. The application period for applicants seeking advanced placement through the Military Challenge option will be as follows:
- Students seeking entry into a Fall course must reapply during the January application window.
 - Students seeking entry into a Spring course must reapply during the August application window (the same period used for Advanced Placement applicants).
- F. Military Challenge applicants who meet RN Program admission requirements and successfully complete required challenge examinations and/or other assessment processes will be evaluated to determine eligibility for entry at an appropriate course level. Placement is contingent upon available space in the qualifying course(s) and will follow the readmission priority outlined in the RN Program Admission Policy.
- G. The following materials will be available to the Military Challenge applicant once eligibility to challenge is determined:
- Course syllabus, including course objectives and outcomes
 - Other available resources in the course
- H. If a Military Challenge applicant is offered admission, additional requirements must be met prior to enrollment in nursing courses. These requirements include health screenings, a criminal background check, and drug screening—any Military Challenge applicant who fails to meet the requirements will not be allowed to enroll in nursing courses, and the offer of RN Program admission will be withdrawn.
- I. The Program Director reserves the right not to fill vacant seats when doing so is necessary to maintain program capacity, instructional quality, clinical placement availability, accreditation standards, or other program requirements.

- J. Military Challenge applicants who do not receive an offer before the course start date may elect to reapply and are subject to conditions of the admission policy in effect at the time of reapplication.

Program Requirements

Due to clinical and program requirements, Military Challenge students must be available to attend and successfully complete all assigned clinical experiences to remain eligible for progression and graduation.

Military Challenge students are subject to all RN Program policies, standards, and requirements as outlined in the RN Student Nurse Handbook.