



AMERICAN RIVER COLLEGE ASSOCIATE DEGREE
NURSING PROGRAM

Veterans and Eligible Spouses

Definitions for Priority of Service

Veteran means a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged or released there from under conditions other than dishonorable, as specified in 38 U.S.C. 101(2). Active service includes full-time duty in the National Guard or a Reserve component, other than full-time duty for training purposes.

Eligible Spouse as defined in section 2(a) of the JVA (38 U.S.C. 4215(a) means the spouse of any of the following:

- (1) Any veteran who died of a service-connected disability;
- (2) Any member of the Armed Forces serving on active duty who, at the time of application for the priority, is listed in one or more of the following categories and had been so listed for more than 90 days:
 - i. Missing in action;
 - ii. Captured in line of duty by a hostile force; or
 - iii. Forcibly detained or interned in line of duty by a foreign government or power;
- (3) Any veteran who has a total disability resulting from a service-connected disability, as evaluated by the Department of Veterans Affairs;
- (4) Any veteran who died while a disability was in existence, as indicated in item (3) of this section.

In order to be eligible for points under this selection criteria, acceptable documentation of veteran or eligible spouse status must be received in Enrollment Services by the application closing date along with the nursing application COVER PAGE and other support documents as required. This documentation may include, but is not limited to, the following:

Veterans should submit a copy of their DD Form 214 – Member 4.

Eligible spouses should submit documentation confirming their status from an appropriate government agency (e.g., Department of Defense or Department of Veterans Affairs). One or more documents may be required such as:

- An official notice issued by the DVA that documents the veteran’s service-connected disability, total in nature
- An official notice issued by the DVA that establishes entitlement to compensation (DIC) to the surviving spouse based on the veteran’s death resulting from a service-connected disability
- An official notice issued by the DVA that documents the veteran’s service-connected disability, total in nature, existed when death occurred
- An official notice issued by the Department of Defense documenting the active duty spouse to be in missing or detained status for more than 90 days