

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY AND MILITARY SCHOLARSHIP ADMISSIONS POLICY

Military (Army, Navy, Air Force) active duty education selection processes for **active duty** members seeking a baccalaureate degree in nursing require special competitive screening processes within the service. These competitive education opportunities are funded by the service. Active duty candidates are screened by the service and competitively selected for a program of study leading to a baccalaureate degree in nursing. As part of the screening/selection process, military services require active duty members to include a valid letter of acceptance to an accredited College of Nursing as part of their screening package to the service selection board. To facilitate this military screening process for eligible active duty members who apply to UCCS, Beth El College of Nursing and Health Sciences, an exception to existing admissions policies has been developed. This admissions policy exemption is applicable only under the following situations:

- The active duty member must be on active duty at the time of application for admission to a nursing program and must have met all other admissions criteria including completion of applicable prerequisites. Approval for admission is valid only for the semester cited in the active duty member's admissions application.

- Active duty members selected for the service education program will attend school on a full time basis in lieu of active duty obligations under sponsorship of the service.

This exception applies only to those military education programs that require applicants to compete in a competitive screening process. While going to school, the student is required to maintain affiliation with the member service.

This policy exception does not apply to active duty members who wish to enroll on a part-time basis or who will use financial resources provided by the military for "off-duty" education. It further does not apply to military reservists, ROTC students or to National Guard members unless they are on active duty and are expected to continue on active duty after completion of the program.

MILITARY SCHOLARSHIP ADMISSIONS POLICY EXCEPTION – The armed forces offer nursing education scholarships for interested non-military candidates. These candidates are not affiliated with a military service at the time they are considered by the service but will incur an active duty obligation on completion of the (24-month maximum) nursing program.

This admissions policy exception is applicable for these candidates only under the following situations:

The military candidate/admissions applicant must have successfully completed all program prerequisites for admission not later than the specified date of admission to the nursing program.

These candidates can be considered for admission to the nursing program and receive a letter of admission (may be a letter of admission contingent on successful completion of all prerequisites) not more than 6 months prior to the date they will start the program. This letter is required as part of their screening/selection process by the military service.

To qualify for consideration under this admission policy exception, the candidate must incur a contractual obligation for military service on successful completion of their baccalaureate nursing program.

This policy exception does not apply to admissions applicants who wish to enroll on a part-time basis or who will use financial resources provided by the military for “off-duty” education. It further does not apply to military reservists, ROTC students or to National Guard members unless they are on active duty and are expected to continue on active duty after completion of the program.

A military commissioning student must meet the same eligibility as other students to be admitted to the accelerated or traditional nursing program. If a student is not selected by the military for a commissioning program, then he/she will be on the waitlist for the traditional BSN program as the other students admitted to that term or the application will be reviewed again by the accelerated nursing committee for regular acceptance into the program as the student’s application will already be active for that next summer. For the accelerated program, the student will then either be selected or not selected based on regular admission criteria to the accelerated program.