



**AMERICAN RIVER COLLEGE
ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM**

Admission Priority for Veterans and Eligible Spouses

American River College was awarded federal Workforce Improvement Act (WIA) funds to add 10 students to the entering Fall 2010 class of the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program. Federal regulations pursuant to the Jobs for Veterans Act (JVA) require that ARC give admission priority for these WIA-funded positions to veterans and eligible spouses who 1) apply for this program, and 2) meet the criteria for admission into this program. See "Definitions for Priority Service" below.

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.

To receive Fall 2010 admission priority consideration, acceptable documentation of veteran or eligible spouse status must be received by the ARC Nursing Department office no later than 12 noon, Monday, May 3. 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 a 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