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PRACTICAL NURSE COURSE PREREQUISITES CRS 300-M6

EFFECTIVE: 01 OCT 01

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This course is available to Active Army soldiers Specialist and below and Army Reserve soldiers Sergeant and below, whose primary MOS is 91W. This course is also available to DOD Civilians. The minimum **time in service remaining requirement upon completion of this course is 36 months for Active Army** and 36 months for Army Reserve soldiers. Prior to departure from home station, soldiers are required to re-enlist or extend their term of enlistment in order to meet the time in service remaining requirement. Soldiers reporting to the AMEDD C&S not meeting this requirement will not be enrolled for training. Height and weight standards listed in AR 600-9 must be met. Enlisted women who are pregnant must be processed IAW AR 635-200. Soldiers must have a physical dated within one year of the start date of the course and must not have a history of chronic or recurrent skin infections or allergies. Prior to completion of the course students will be required to sit for and complete the NCLEX-PN examination. Practical Nurse course graduates must obtain licensure as either a Practical Nurse or a Vocational Nurse prior to being awarded the ASI M6.

SPECIAL INFORMATION: Reserve Component soldiers will arrive at Fort Sam Houston with the following items MPRJ 201file, Medical Record, Dental Record and complete basic clothing issue, to include running shoes. Active Army soldiers must request training by submitting a DA Form 4187 to PERSCOM. A copy of their ERB and letters of recommendation from either a practical nurse, registered nurse, physician's assistant, or a physician evaluating the soldier's potential and ability to complete this course should be included in their packet. **Soldiers not having a Skills Technical score of 102 or higher and a General Technical score of 110 or higher must submit an approved waiver with their packet.**

ALL REQUEST FOR WAIVERS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO: CDR, AMEDD C&S, AMEDD Personnel Proponent Directorate, ATTN: MCCS-DE, 1400 E. Grayson Street, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234-5052.

COURSE SCOPE

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Phase 1 (6 weeks), is conducted at the AMEDDC&S, Fort Sam Houston Texas. Phase II (46 weeks) is conducted at designated medical treatment facilities. The total course length is 52 weeks. This phased course trains the Licensed Practical Nurse, ASI M6 in skills and knowledge necessary to become a proficient entry level nursing care provider. The student's training encompasses nursing for in/out patient care, emergent and minor acute treatments, and casualty care management. The ASI M6 graduate will be trained to the licensing standards of the Texas Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners. Additionally, the student receives specific training in military hospital field nursing, force medical protection, and deployable medical systems. Phase 1 provides an expansion of basic anatomy and physiology presented in the primary MOS 91W, Health Care Specialist and introduces the fundamentals of microbiology, nutrition care, and pharmacological mathematics concepts. Phase 2 affords the student the opportunity to acquire the skills necessary to be a practical nurse in a variety of community-based settings. This training includes; advanced anatomy and physiology, expanded use of principles in microbiology; integration of pharmacology and nutrition care; as well as pathophysiology of the body systems and its manifestations. Medication administration is an essential component throughout training. The nursing process provides the framework for the acquisition of knowledge and application of skills. Emphasis is placed on the student's ability to integrate concepts and perform skills learned into a variety of clinical settings. The clinical rotations include, but are not limited to, medical-surgical, pre and postoperative settings, pediatrics, obstetrics, gerontologic, force medical protection, emergency room, and intensive care management.

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