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**PERSONNEL PROCUREMENT  
 REGISTERED NURSE STUDENT PROGRAM**

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*This revision eliminates the requirement that an applicant for the Registered Nurse Student Program be unmarried. Local supplementation of this regulation is prohibited except upon approval of The Surgeon General.*

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**1. Purpose.** This regulation prescribes the Department of the Army Registered Nurse Student Program designed to procure qualified nurses with advanced professional education who are interested in a career in the Army Nurse Corps.

**2. General.** *a.* Subject to such limitations as may be imposed by Headquarters, Department of the Army, professional nurses meeting eligibility requirements for participation in this program may be tendered appointment in the US Army Reserve for assignment to the Army Nurse Corps branch and ordered to active duty, or, if holding a current appointment in the US Army Reserve, may be ordered to active duty for purpose of participation in this program (AR 601-139).

*b.* An applicant who does not hold a current appointment in the US Army Reserve may be appointed in the grade for which qualified under the provisions of AR 601-139.

*c.* An applicant selected for participation in this program will be appointed and/or ordered to active duty with station at the respective university, college, or school of anesthesia for nurses as a commissioned officer on active duty, with pay and allowances for an officer of that grade and years of service, for a period not to exceed 24 months.

*d.* Payment of tuition, fees, and other expenses incident to attendance at a university, college, or school for nurse anesthetists will be the responsibility of the individual participant.

*e.* Participants in this program may not accept tuition or related assistance from other governmental or nongovernmental programs while subject to the provisions of this regulation.

**3. Eligibility.** *a.* An applicant must be a United States citizen and qualified for appointment in the Regular Army under the provisions of AR 601-100, except for those provisions relative to age. An applicant must not have passed the 32d birthday on the date of entry to active duty for participation in this program.

*b.* An applicant must be a graduate of a school of nursing which is accredited by The National League for Nursing and/or acceptable to Headquarters, Department of the Army.

*c.* An applicant must be accepted or matriculated as a full-time student in a university or college accredited by the National League for Nursing or a school of anesthesia for nurses approved by the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists in the United States which offers an educational program leading to a baccalaureate degree in nursing; or a master's degree in nursing

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or a related field acceptable to Department of the Army; or a diploma in anesthesiology nursing. The applicant must be able to complete all requirements for the degree or diploma within 24 months of reporting to active duty under this regulation.

**4. Obligations.** *a.* A participant will be required to serve on active duty in the Army Nurse Corps subsequent to completion or termination of training for a period of time as follows:

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| <i>Time spent in civilian institution</i> | <i>Obligated tour of active duty following completion or termination of educational program</i> |
| 12 months or less.....                    | 2 years.  |
| More than 12 months.....                  | 3 years.  |

*b.* The obligated period of active duty will commence on the reporting date to a military medical installation.

*c.* When applicable, the period of obligated active duty following completion or termination of this educational program will be in addition to any period of time spent in any other formal educational program sponsored by the Department of the Army or in fulfilling any other service obligations incurred as a result of participation in such other programs.

*d.* A request for resignation or relief from active duty from an officer who has voluntarily incurred obligated service by reason of participation in this program will not be favorably considered except under the most unusual circumstances as determined by Headquarters, Department of the Army until the total period of obligated service has been completed.

*e.* A participant who successfully completes a school of anesthesia for nurses will be required to write, at no expense to the Government, the qualifying examination in anesthesia administered by the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists for certification as a registered nurse anesthetist. The participant who fails to obtain certification will not be permitted to practice anesthesiology nursing while a member of the Army Nurse Corps.

**5. Withdrawals.** A student participant who withdraws or is withdrawn from this program by Headquarters, Department of the Army for failure to meet required standards of proficiency at any time during the training period will, except in the most unusual circumstances, be required to

serve on active duty as an officer as prescribed in paragraph 4.

**6. Application.** *a.* Application will consist of the following forms and documents:

(1) DD Form 98 (Armed Forces Security Questionnaire), in duplicate.

(2) DA Form 61 (Application for Appointment), in duplicate. Under Item 32 will be entered the day, month and year of completion of basic nursing program; date and State of initial and current licensure to practice nursing; and resume of employment in professional nursing.

(3) DA Form 160 (Application for Active Duty), in duplicate, omitting Item 12. Under Item 9, add the following statement: "In accordance with my agreement executed under AR 601-135."

(4) DD Form 1584 (Department of Defense National Agency Check Request), in duplicate.

(5) DA Form 3208 (Worksheet for National Agency Check Request).

(6) SF 88 (Report of Medical Examination) and SF 89 (Report of Medical History), in duplicate.

(7) FD 258 (FBI US Department of Justice Fingerprint Card), in duplicate.

(8) Transcripts of credits received from school or college of nursing and all additional credits received in a university, college, or school of anesthesia for nurses.

(9) High school transcript (applicants in schools of anesthesia for nurses only).

(10) Statement from the Dean of the college or university or Director of the school of anesthesia for nurses regarding nursing program completion date and a recommendation for acceptance into this program.

(11) Recommendations from two nursing instructors under whom the applicant has studied.

(12) Conditional release for transfer between Reserve components of the Armed Forces, if appropriate.

(13) Agreement, in duplicate, worded as follows:

Under the provisions of AR 601-135 I hereby volunteer and agree, if accepted for appointment and/or active duty under the Registered Nurse Student Program, to serve on active duty as an Army Nurse Corps officer until completion or termination of education under this program and thereafter until I have completed the period of active duty service subsequent to completion or termination of such education required by paragraph 4, AR 601-135 (not to exceed 3 years). I further understand that, if subse-

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quently appointed in the Regular Army, my obligation to serve 3 years subsequent to date of acceptance of Regular appointment may be discharged concurrently with any unsatisfied active duty obligation incurred as a result of training under this program. I further understand that any period of time spent in any other education program sponsored by the Department of the Army and any service obligation incurred as a result of such participation may be added to the active duty obligation incurred as a result of participation in this program, and that a determination of the total amount of obligated service to be performed subsequent to completion or termination of all training will be made by Headquarters, Department of the Army. If a student in a school of anesthesia for nurses, I understand that if I successfully complete the program in anesthesia nursing, I will be required to write, at no expense to the Government, the qualifying examination in anesthesia administered by the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists. Further, I understand that if I fail to obtain certification as a registered nurse anesthetist, I will not be permitted to practice anesthesiology nursing while a member of the Army Nurse Corps.

(14) DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge), if applicable.

(15) Statement of understanding for appointment as a commissioned officer (fig. 2-3, AR 601-139), in duplicate.

(16) DD Form 398 (Statement of Personal History), in duplicate. Under item 20 will be noted the position title, i.e., staff nurse, supervisor, etc. and clinical nursing specialty, i.e., medical, operating room, etc. for all periods of employment as a professional nurse and whether such employment was full or part time.

(17) DA Form 3574 (Certificate of Acknowledgment and Understanding of Service Requirements), in triplicate, for non-prior-service male under 26 years of age.

b. Applications will be forwarded to The Surgeon General (HQDA (DASG-PTP-N) Washington, DC 20314) at the earliest practicable date but not later than 90 days preceding the desired starting date of the academic program.

**7. Selection.** a. Selection for participation in these programs will be made from those applicants considered best qualified by a board of officers designated by The Surgeon General. Each applicant will be notified by The Surgeon General of selection or nonselection.

b. Selected applicants will advise The Surgeon General of their acceptance or nonacceptance within 10 days of receipt of notification.

**8. Appointment.** Appointment and/or active duty orders in connection with this program will be tendered by Commanding General, US Army Reserve Components Personnel and Administration Center.

**9. Assignment.** Participants will be assigned to the student detachment of the Army area Headquarters, the US Army Military District of Washington, or US Army, Hawaii, in which the college, university, or anesthesia school of acceptance is located, with station at that civilian educational institution (AR 350-219). As an exception to AR 350-219, officer participants in Puerto Rico will be assigned to the student detachment, Headquarters, Third US Army, with station at the respective college, university, or school of anesthesia.

**10. Administration while assigned to student detachment.** a. *General.* The commanding officer of the student detachment to which the officer is assigned will be responsible for the administration of officer students, including preparation of required records (AR 350-219). In addition, copies of all orders or personnel actions that have an effect on the status of the officer student will be forwarded to The Surgeon General (HQDA (DASG-PTP-N) Washington, DC 20314).

b. *Administrative absence and leave.*

(1) Administrative absence from the vicinity of the school is authorized for such activities as attendance at conferences and lectures in connection with studies. Such activities will be at no expense to the Government.

(2) Absences during vacation and holiday periods when the school is not in session will not be chargeable to ordinary leave if the student remains within a 200-mile radius of the school. Travel outside the limit requires approval of the appropriate commander as provided by AR 351-1.

(3) Ordinary leave (AR 630-5) requires the prior approval of the commanding officer of the student detachment. A student may be granted ordinary leave in the amount accrued, plus leave accrued during the period he is on ordinary leave.

(4) Advance leave is not authorized.

(5) As an exception to limitations prescribed in AR 630-5, the commanding general of each Army area, US Army Military District of Wash-

ington and USARHAW may grant excess leave without pay and allowances under the following circumstances:

(a) Upon exhaustion of ordinary leave during periods of school dismissal such as summer vacation.

(b) Subsequent to completion of the educational program and date of commencement of authorized travel to first military medical installation for duty.

c. Following graduation, all participants in these programs will furnish an official transcript of grades to the commanding officer of the student detachment to which assigned for further transmittal to The Surgeon General (HQDA (DASG-PTS-R) Washington, DC 20314). DA Form 1059 (Academic Report) is not required for participants in these programs (AR 623-106).

d. DD Form 2125 (Report to Training Agency) is not required.

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