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**PERSONNEL PROCUREMENT**  
**REGISTERED NURSE STUDENT PROGRAM**

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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 U.S. Army Reserve for assignment to the Army Nurse Corps branch and ordered to active duty, or, if holding a current appointment in the U.S. Army Reserve, may be ordered to active duty for purpose of participation in this program.

*b.* An applicant who does not hold a current appointment in the U.S. 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 ordered to active duty with station at the respective university or college. The educational program in nursing will be pursued as a commissioned officer on active duty, with pay and allowances, except during periods of excess leave, for an officer of that grade and years of service, for a period not to exceed 24 months beginning with the date of reporting for duty under this regulation or until completion of the requirements for a baccalaureate or higher degree, whichever occurs earlier.

*d.* Payment of tuition, fees and other expenses incident to attendance at a university or college

will be the responsibility of the individual participant.

**3. Eligibility.** *a.* An applicant must be potentially qualified for appointment in the Regular Army under the provisions of AR 601-124, except for those provisions relative to marital status. A female applicant must be unmarried at time of appointment in the U.S. Army Reserve and/or when ordered 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 approved by Headquarters, Department of the Army.

*c.* An applicant must be accepted or matriculated as a full-time student in a university or college acceptable to Headquarters, Department of the Army, which offers an educational program leading to a baccalaureate or higher degree in nursing or a related field which is acceptable to Headquarters, Department of the Army and must be able to complete all requirements for the degree within 24 months.

**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:

<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.* When applicable, the period of obligated ac-

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tive duty following completion or termination of this educational program will be in addition to any period of time spent in any other formal training 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.

c. 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.

**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 4a.

**6. Application.** a. An applicant who does not hold a current appointment as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army Reserve will submit the following:

- (1) DD Form 98 (Armed Forces Security Questionnaire), in duplicate.
- (2) DA Form 61 (Application for Appointment), in duplicate.
- (3) DA Form 160 (Application for Active Duty), in duplicate.
- (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 U.S. Department of Justice Fingerprint Card), in duplicate.
- (8) Verification of initial and current licensure to practice nursing in a State, the District of Columbia or Puerto Rico.
- (9) Transcripts of credits received from school or college of nursing and all additional credits received in a university or college.

- (10) Statement from the Dean of the college or university 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 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 training under this program and thereafter until I have completed the period of active duty service subsequent to completion or termination of such training required by subparagraph 4a, AR 601-135 (not to exceed 3 years). I further understand that, if subsequently 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 training 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.

b. An applicant who holds a current appointment as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army Reserve will submit the following:

Documents listed in paragraph 6a(1), (3), (6), and (8) through (13) above.

c. Applications will be forwarded to The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-MP, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C. 20315, at the earliest practicable date but not later than 90 days preceding the desired starting date of the academic program.

**7. Selection.** Each applicant will be notified of selection or nonselection by The Surgeon General.

**8. Appointment.** Letter of appointment and active duty orders in connection with this program

will be tendered by the Office of Personnel Operations, Headquarters, Department of the Army.

**9. Administration while assigned to a student detachment.**

*a. General.* The commanding officer of the student detachment of the Army area, Military District of Washington or USARHAW, in which the college or university is located, whichever is applicable, will be responsible for the administration of officer students, including preparation of required records (AR 350-200). In addition, copies of all orders or personnel actions that have an effect on the status of the student will be forwarded to The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-MP, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C. 20315.

*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 periods, other than administrative absence or ordinary leave, are not chargeable as ordinary leave if the student remains within 200 miles of the school. Absences which require travel outside the 200 mile limit require approval of the commanding officer of the student detachment to which the participant is assigned.
  - (3) Election to take ordinary leave (AR 630-5) requires the approval of the commanding officer of the student detachment.
- By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

Official:

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Major General, United States Army,  
The Adjutant General.

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ing 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 paragraph 21b, AR 630-5, the commanding general of each Army area, Military District of Washington 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 installation for duty.

*c. Officer's Assignment Preference Statement (DA Form 483).* Commanding officer of the student detachment will forward completed DA Form 483 to The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-MP, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C. 20315, not later than 12 weeks prior to completion of the educational program; item 10c will include day, month and year of completion of the educational program.

*d. Report to training agency.* DA Form 2125 will be forwarded to The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-MP, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C. 20315 at end of each school term by the commanding officer, student detachment.

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