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**PERSONNEL PROCUREMENT
TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR ARMY MEDICAL SPECIALIST CORPS
OFFICER PROCUREMENT**

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The substantive changes incorporated in this revision include a revised eligibility listing and the documents required for application in accordance with AR 601-139. Local supplementation of this regulation is prohibited, except upon approval of The Surgeon General.

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1. Purpose. This regulation sets forth Department of the Army procurement programs established to provide professional training to selected graduates of colleges and universities who, upon successful completion of the training programs, will be qualified for professional careers in the Army Medical Specialist Corps. Procedures for appointment of commissioned officers in the Army Medical Specialist Corps are prescribed in AR 601-139.

2. Scope. These training programs are preceded by the AMEDD Officer Basic Course. Upon completion of this course, training will be contained under one of the following:

a. Dietetic Internship. The program is conducted in selected Army hospitals and is established to meet military requirements and the requirements of The American Dietetic Association. The training program consists of didactic instruction and clinical experiences in diet therapy; hospital food service administration and organization, kitchen, dining room, and store-room management; menu planning; cost accounting; and all other aspects of hospital food service.

b. Physical Therapy Course. The program is conducted at the Medical Field Service School,

Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Tex., and is supported by Brooke General Hospital. The course is designed to meet military requirements, the requirements of the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association, and the American Physical Therapy Association. The scope of the course is outlined in DA Pam 350-10.

c. Occupational Therapy Clinical Affiliation. The program is conducted at selected Army hospitals and is established to meet military requirements, the requirements of the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association, and the American Occupational Therapy Association. The training consists of 9 months supervised clinical practice of occupational therapy.

3. Eligibility. Individuals applying for selection to participate in the above training programs must have the following qualifications:

a. Age. An applicant must be at least 21 years of age but not have passed his 30th birthday. Request for waiver of maximum age will be submitted to The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-RS, Department of The Army, Washington, DC 20314. Applicants who are at least 18 but not 21 years of

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age may be appointed as temporary officers as indicated in paragraph 9b.

b. *Citizenship.* An applicant must be a citizen of the United States or have lawfully entered the United States for permanent residence under applicable provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, unless he is currently serving or has served previously in the Armed Forces of the United States. Provisions of paragraph 1-4c(3), AR 135-100 apply. An individual who is not a citizen of the United States by birth will submit a statement signed by an officer of the Army or a notary public, reading substantially as indicated in (1), (2), or (3) below, as appropriate. Facsimiles or copies, photostatic or otherwise, of naturalization certificates, declarations of intention, certificates of citizenship, or alien registration receipt cards will not be made. The reproduction of these certificates or any parts thereof without proper authority constitutes a felony.

(1) *Citizens by naturalization.*

I have this date seen the original certificate of citizenship No. _____ (or certified copy of the court order establishing citizenship) stating that _____ was admitted to United States citizenship by the court of _____ at _____ (City and State) on _____ (Date)

(2) *Citizenship through naturalization of parent.*

I have this date seen the original certificate of citizenship No. _____ issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, stating that _____ (Name of applicant) acquired citizenship on _____ (Date)

(3) *Noncitizen who has been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence.*

I have this date seen the original Alien Registration Card bearing No. _____ issued to _____ (Name) on _____ (Date) indicating that subject individual was admitted to the United States for permanent residency.

c. *Language.* If basic language spoken is other than English, applicant must be examined to determine sufficient command of the English language to speak, understand, and write information pertinent to the professional specialty. Examination will be given as prescribed by The Surgeon General.

d. *Dependents.* If applicant is female, must be without dependents under 18 years of age, and will not have the legal responsibility for custody, control, care, maintenance, or support of any individual under 18 years of age regardless of relationship. Applicants who surrendered rights to custody and control of dependents under 18 years of age through legal proceedings will submit a photostatic or certified copy of the instrument which relieved them of such rights.

e. *Education.* A graduate or prospective graduate of a college or university accredited by, or holding membership in, the appropriate regional crediting association or national professional organization as listed in the Education Directory, Part 3, Higher Education, published by the Office of Education, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. In all cases the accreditation must be effective as of the date on which the degree or credits were attained. The provisions of paragraph 1-4d, AR 135-100 may be applicable on an individual basis if required by The Surgeon General.

(1) *Dietetic Internship.* An applicant must have or expect to have conferred within 6 months, a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university which has included or been followed by courses and credit hours required by the American Dietetic Association for entrance to an approved internship. All applicants will participate in the American Dietetic Association Screening of Transcripts procedure at their own cost.

(2) *Physical Therapy Course.* An applicant must have or expect to have conferred within 6 months, a baccalaureate degree including satisfactory courses in the biological and physical sciences including physics and psychology.

(3) *Occupational Therapy Clinical Affiliation.* An applicant must have a baccalaureate degree which includes or has been followed by a curriculum in occupational therapy or expect to have one conferred at the completion of the clinical affiliation.



f. Medical examination. An applicant must undergo a medical examination and meet medical fitness standards as prescribed in chapter 2, AR 40-501.

g. Character. An applicant must be of good moral character and have high personal qualifications.

h. Selective Service classification. If the applicant's classification with his local selective service board is 1-A-O (conscientious objector available for noncombatant military service only), he will be required to furnish an affidavit to the effect that—

Except for the bearing of arms in accordance with my religious training and beliefs, I will, if appointed, perform full and unqualified service as an officer of the Army Medical Department.

i. Marital status. Unmarried if the applicant is female, unless she has completed her education in the Army Student Dietitian Program or Army Student Occupational Therapy Course.

j. Prior service. Not dropped from the rolls, or separated from any of the Armed Forces of the United States with other than an honorable discharge.

k. Security requirements. An applicant must have been the subject of a favorable National Agency Check or investigation of broader scope in accordance with AR 381-130. An applicant must be free of conviction by any type of military or civil court for other than minor traffic violations. Request for waiver may be made in the case of other minor violations which are nonrecurrent and which are not deemed prejudicial to performance of duty as an officer. Granting of waivers will not be considered for any individuals who have been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude.

l. Additional eligibility. Applicant must be female if applying for the Physical Therapy Course.

4. Application and allied documents. Application will consist of the following:

a. DA Form 61 (Application for Appointment) in duplicate. The words "Dietetic Internship," "Physical Therapy Course," or "Occupational Therapy Clinical Affiliation," whichever is appropriate, will be stamped in the upper right corner on page 1.

b. Standard Form 88 (Report of Medical Examination) and Standard Form 89 (Report of Medical History) in duplicate. This examination

preferably will be accomplished at an Armed Forces medical installation.

c. DA Form 160 (Application for Active Duty), in duplicate.

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

e. FD Form 258 (FBI U.S. Department of Justice Fingerprint Card) in duplicate.

f. DD Form 1584 (Department of Defense National Agency Check Request), in duplicate. "Yes" answers in item 16 will be explained in full under item 18, "Remarks," including dates of military service if applicable.

g. DD Form 398 (Statement of Personal History), for a United States citizen in duplicate and for alien applicant, in quintuplet.

h. Conditional release obtained through official channels for transfer between Reserve components of the Armed Forces, if appropriate.

i. Citizenship statement for applicant not a citizen of the United States by birth (para 3d).

j. Official transcript of grades received.

k. Applicants for the Physical Therapy Course must complete the Otis Self-Administering Test of Mental Ability Higher Examination: Form A.

l. Letters of recommendation from three instructors in major subjects qualified to comment on professional and personal qualifications of applicant.

m. Non-prior-service male applicants under 26 years of age who have not previously incurred a service obligation under the Military Selective Service Act will complete Certificate Acknowledgment and Understanding of Service Requirements, DA Form 3574, in triplicate. See chapter 2, AR 135-100.

5. Forwarding of applications. Applications will be forwarded to The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-RS, Department of the Army, Washington, DC 20314.

6. Obligation. Applicants applying for a direct appointment for these programs agree to accept appointments as second lieutenants, Army Medical Specialist Corps, of the Army Reserve, and to serve on active duty for a period of not less than 2 years, including attendance in the AMEDD Officer Basic Course and the professional course for which applying. Participants in the Army Student Dietitian Program and the Army Student Occupa-

tional Therapy Program will remain on active duty for 3 or 4 years to complete the obligated service incurred by AR 601-19.

7. Selection. Selection of applicants to participate in the training programs will be made by a board of officers designated by The Surgeon General. Applicants will be notified of their selection, selection as alternate, or nonselection by The Surgeon General.

8. Acceptance. Within 5 days after notification of selection, applicants for the Physical Therapy Course and the Occupational Therapy Clinical Affiliation will be required to inform The Surgeon General of acceptance or declination of training. Applicants for the Dietetic Internship will be required to inform The Surgeon General of acceptance or declination of training within 48 hours to conform to the regulations set by the American Dietetic Association. If there has been a change in the applicant's physical condition subsequent to the last examination, a full evaluation of any defect or deformity will be submitted to The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-RS.

9. Appointment in the USAR and AUS. *a.* Upon selection and acceptance of an applicant, The Surgeon General will forward the applications with allied papers to Chief of Personnel Operations (Commanding Officer, U.S. Army Reserve

Components Personnel Center), who will tender appointments as second lieutenants, Army Medical Specialist Corps., United States Army Reserve, or Army of the United States (AUS) as appropriate and issue orders calling the individual to active duty.

b. Individuals who have reached their 18th but not their 21st birthday will be tendered appointment with concurrent active duty as temporary officer in the Army of the United States and procedure will be the same as prescribed in AR 601-139.

c. Reserve officers ordered to active duty under these programs whose medical examination was not accomplished within 1 year of their reporting to active duty are required to have a new valid medical examination so that it may be reviewed by Physical Standards Division, Office of The Surgeon General, at least 30 days prior to entry to active duty.

10. Separation. Any student may be withdrawn from these programs by authority of The Surgeon General for failure to meet the required standards of proficiency, for unsatisfactory aptitude or ability, or for lack of motivation at anytime during the training period. Separation from one of the programs will be cause for elimination and termination of the commission under the provisions of this paragraph.

The proponent agency of this regulation is the Office of The Surgeon General. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications) to The Surgeon General ATTN: MEDPT-RS, Department of the Army, Washington, DC 20314.

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