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

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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 AMEDS Officer Basic Course. Upon completion of this course, training will be continued 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 storeroom 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 be—

a. At least 21 years of age but not have passed their 30th birthday on the date of appointment in the Army Medical Specialist Corps. Applicants who are at least 18 but not 21 years of age may be appointed as temporary officers as indicated in paragraph 9. Request for waiver of maximum age will be submitted to The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-MP, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C. 20315.

b. A citizen of the United States or have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence under title 8, United States Code, Chapter 12. 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. Under no circumstances will facsimiles or copies, photostatic or otherwise, of naturalization certificates,

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alien registration receipt cards, or certificates of citizenship be credited as original inasmuch as the reproduction of these certificates or any parts thereof without lawful authority is a crime. See act of 25 June 1948 (62 Stat. 767; 18 U.S.C., 1426(h)).

- (1) For those who are 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 _____ (Name of applicant) was admitted to United States citizenship by the court of _____ at _____ (City and State) on _____ (Date)

- (2) For those who claim 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) For those who have 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. In sufficient command of the English language to speak, understand and write technical information pertinent to the specialty. A statement will be entered in Item 73, Standard Form 88 (Report of Medical Examination) concerning applicant's proficiency if the applicant's basic language is not English.

d. Without dependents under 18 years of age, if applicant is female, 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. Female, if applying for the Physical Therapy Course.

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

g. 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.

(1) *Dietetic Internship.* Have, or expect to have conferred within 6 months, a baccalaureate degree with a major in either foods and nutrition or in institution management. Program of study must include specific courses required for membership in The American Dietetic Association.

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

(3) *Occupational Therapy Clinical Affiliation.* 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.

h. Medically qualified for appointment by meeting the standards prescribed in chapter 2, AR 40-501.

i. Of high moral character and have high personal qualifications.

j. Consistent in his views with those of the service. 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 Service.

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

l. 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.

m. Willing to apply for and accept a commission as a second lieutenant, Army Medical Specialist Corps, of the Army Reserve, and volunteer for active duty for 2 years, which will include the period of training.

4. **Application.** 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 written in the blank line under "Type of Appointment for Which Application is Submitted" on page 1 of the form. The remarks section (item 32) will contain—

(1) The following statement:

"If I am accepted for participation in the training program, I agree to accept appointment as a second lieutenant, Army Medical Specialist Corps, of the Army Reserve, and to serve on active duty for a period of not less than 2 years, including my attendance in the AMEDS Officer Basic Course and the professional course for which I have applied."

(Note. If I have not completed my 6 years statutory military obligation upon completion of my active duty, I will be required to serve the remainder of my obligation as a member of the Reserve components as required by law and regulations.)

(2) List of courses to be completed prior to graduation.

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

c. Report of medical examination. Standard Form 88 (Report of Medical Examination) original only, and Standard Form 89 (Report of Medical History) in duplicate and reports of consultation, if any, in duplicate. Such medical

examination will be of the scope prescribed for appointment as set forth in AR 40-501, and will be accomplished at an Armed Forces medical installation.

d. DA Form 160 (Application for Active Duty) one copy. Individuals who submit applications under this regulation will request to remain on active duty for 2 years which includes time spent at the AMEDS Officer Basic Course and the professional course. Army Student Dietitian Program and Army Student Occupational Therapy Program participants will request to remain on active duty for 3 or 4 years to complete the obligated service incurred by AR 601-19.

e. DD Form 98 (Armed Forces Security Questionnaire) in duplicate. Applicants who fail or refuse to accomplish DD Form 98 in its entirety will be denied appointment. If the applicant completes DD Form 98 with qualifications or entries made thereon which provide reason for belief that appointment is not clearly consistent with the interest of national security, appointment will not be made without specific approval of the Secretary of the Army.

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

g. DD Form 1584 (Department of Defense National Agency Check Request) six copies. "Yes" answers in item 16 will be explained in full under item 18, "Remarks", including dates of military service if applicable. Item 17 will be left blank. DA Form 3208 (Worksheet for National Agency Check Request) signed by applicant will accompany DD Form 1584.

h. For applicants who are members of a Reserve component of another Armed Force, evidence that the applicant has submitted to the parent Armed Force a resignation or application for discharge contingent upon appointment in the Army Reserve under this program.

i. A recent photograph, head and shoulder type, not less than 3 by 5 inches.

j. Transcript of college records.

k. A short autobiography.

l. If applying for the Physical Therapy Course each applicant must complete the Otis Self-Administering Tests of Mental Ability Higher Examination: Form A.

m. DD Form 398 (Statement of Personal History) in duplicate. This form is required only for aliens.

5. **Forwarding of applications.** Applications will be forwarded to The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-MP, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C. 20315. Applicants still in attendance at a college or university will insure that the first indorsement DA Form 61, is completed by the dean or head of the Department in which the applicant is undergoing major study.

6. **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 Adjutant General.

7. **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 his (or her) acceptance or declination of training. Applicants for the Dietetic Internship will be required to inform The Surgeon General of his (or her) acceptance within 48 hours. Those selected individuals whose date of medical examination is in excess of 120 days prior to anticipated reporting date to duty will be required to accomplish the following statement:

To the best of my knowledge and belief, there has been no change in my physical condition subsequent to the last examination I took in conjunction with my application for appointment in the Army Medical Specialist Corps, Army Reserve, and participation in the -----
---- Program, and that I am not now suffering from any defect or deformity not then recorded.

(Applicant's signature)

8. **Appointment in the Army Reserve.** a. No person will be appointed under this regulation un-

less the individual has been the subject of a National Agency Check or investigation of broader scope conducted in accordance with AR 381-130 which has been completed with favorable results.

b. Upon selection of an applicant pursuant to paragraph 6. The Surgeon General will forward the applications with allied papers to Chief of Personnel Operations who will tender appointments as second lieutenants, Army Medical Specialist Corps, Army Reserve, and issue orders calling to active duty all individuals selected by The Surgeon General for these programs.

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 will, within the first 5 working days after having so reported, undergo a medical examination at their first duty station to determine their medical fitness as set forth in appropriate regulation.

9. **Appointment as temporary officers in the Army of the United States.** 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.

10. **Withdrawals.** 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 any time during the training period. Separation from one of the programs will be cause for elimination under the provisions of AR 635-105.

The proponent of this regulation is the Office of The Surgeon General. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements to The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C. 20315.

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