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PERSONNEL PROCUREMENT ARMY MEDICAL SPECIALIST CORPS GRADUATE STUDENT PROGRAM

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The substantive changes incorporated in this revision include an extension of time to two years for the completion of a master's degree, appointment as a first lieutenant or captain, a revised eligibility listing, and a revised listing of 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 prescribes the policies and procedures for the Army Medical Specialist Corps Graduate Student Program. The program is designed to procure professionally qualified dietitians, physical therapists and occupational therapists who wish to obtain a graduate degree in their respective specialty or an allied specialty which is acceptable to the Department of the Army.

2. General. *a.* Appointments in the grade of first lieutenant or captain, for assignment to the Army Medical Specialist Corps, Army Reserve, will be tendered to selected applicants who meet eligibility requirements. Grade in which appointed will be determined by length of professional experience in accordance with AR 601-139.

b. Applicants must be accepted or matriculated in graduate schools acceptable to the Department of the Army for formal training leading to a master's degree in one of the following: Foods and nutrition or institution management; physical therapy or an allied specialty; or occupational therapy or an allied specialty.

c. Reserve officers not on active duty and former officers are eligible for participation in this program if otherwise qualified as indicated in paragraph 4.

d. Qualified students selected for participation in this program will be ordered to active duty with station at their respective graduate schools. They will be assigned to the Student Detachment of the Headquarters of the Army area or US Army Military District of Washington, in which the school or university of their choice is located. They will pursue their studies as officers on active duty with pay and allowances for their grade and years of service, for a period not to exceed 24 months from the date of reporting for duty under this regulation or until they complete the requirements for the master's degree, whichever occurs earlier.

e. The payment of tuition and other fees incident to this education will be the responsibility of the individual participant.

3. Obligation. Participants must agree in writing that separation from active duty with the military establishment will not be requested for a period of 2 or 3 years from the termination of training status under the provisions of this regulation. When applicable, this period of active duty will be in addition to any period spent in any other formal training program for which a participant applies and is selected or in fulfillment of any other obligations incurred as a result of participa-

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tion in such other programs. The obligated tour of active duty will be as follows:

<i>Time spent in civilian institution in officer status</i>	<i>Obligated tour of active duty as an officer</i>
12 months or less.....	24 months
Over 12 months, not to exceed 24.....	36 months

4. **Eligibility.** An applicant must meet the following criteria for participation in the program:

a. *Age.* Not have attained the 30th birthday on the date of entry on active duty.

b. *Citizenship.* Be a citizen of the United States. 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) or (2) below, as appropriate. (This requirement may be omitted for commissioned officers of the Army holding current appointment.) Under no circumstances will facsimiles or copies, photostatic or otherwise, of naturalization certificates and 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) 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) was admitted to United States citizenship by the court of _____ at _____ on _____ (city and State) (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)

c. *Medical examination.* An applicant must undergo a medical examination and meet the physical standards as prescribed in chapter 2, AR 40-501.

d. *Character.* An applicant must possess high moral character and have high personal qualifications.

e. *Selective service classification.* An applicant must not hold religious views inconsistent with the service. If the applicant's classification with his local selective service board is 1-A-O (con-

scientious objector available for noncombatant military service only), he will be required to furnish an affidavit to the effect that—

In accordance with my religious training and beliefs, I will, if appointed, comply with the military requirements of the United States except for the bearing of arms.

A former conscientious objector will be required to furnish an affidavit expressing his abandonment of such belief so far as it pertains to his unwillingness to bear arms, and to give full and unqualified military service to the United States.

f. *Prior service.* An applicant must not have been separated from any of the Armed Forces of the United States with other than an honorable discharge, nor have been a member of any organization or group advocating subversive policies.

g. *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 of any type of military or civil court for other than minor traffic violations. Request for waiver may be made in the case of a minor violation which is nonrecurrent and which is not deemed prejudicial to performance of duty as an officer. Granting of waivers will not be considered for individuals who have been convicted of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude.

h. *Education.* An applicant must be qualified under one of the following:

(1) Have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university with evidence of satisfactory completion of a dietetic internship acceptable to the Department of The Army; and be accepted or matriculated as a full-time student in a college or university offering a course leading to a master's degree in foods and nutrition or institution management. The applicant must be able to complete all requirements for a master's degree within 24 months.

(2) Have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution which has included or been followed by a curriculum in physical therapy; be accepted as a full-time student in a college or university offering appropriate courses as indicated in paragraph 2b; and be able to complete all requirements for a master's degree within 24 months.

(3) Have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution which has included or been



followed by a curriculum in occupational therapy with evidence of completion of an Occupational Therapy Clinical Affiliation; be accepted or matriculated as a full-time student in a college or university offering appropriate courses as indicated in paragraph 2*b*; and be able to complete all requirements for a master's degree within 24 months.

i. Military status. An applicant must be commissioned in the grade of first lieutenant or captain as a Reserve commissioned officer of the Army by the date of reporting for duty under this regulation.

5. Application and allied documents. *a.* Applicants will submit the following:

(1) DA Form 61 (Application for Appointment) in duplicate. The words "Graduate Army Medical Specialist Corps Student Program" with the name of the appropriate speciality in parentheses will be written in the upper right corner of the face sheet.

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

(3) Standard Form 88 (Report of Medical Examination) and Standard Form 93 (Report of Medical History) in duplicate. This examination will preferably be accomplished at an Armed Forces medical installation.

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

(5) FD Form 258 (FBI US Department of Justice Fingerprint Card) in duplicate.

(6) DA Form 3208 (Worksheet for National Agency Check Request) single copy.

(7) 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.

(8) DD Form 398 (Statement of Personal History), for alien applicant, in duplicate.

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

(10) Citizenship statement for applicant not a citizen of the United States by birth (para 4*b*).

(11) An official transcript for a baccalaureate degree and all additional university or college credits acquired; evidence of completion of a hospital dietetic internship; completion of a

physical therapy course or completion of an occupational therapy clinical affiliation as appropriate.

(12) DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the US Report of Transfer or Discharge), if applicable.

(13) Photograph (recent head and shoulder type, 3 x 5 inches).

(14) Three recent letters of recommendation from instructors and/or employers qualified to comment on professional and personal qualifications of applicant.

(15) An autobiography of not more than 500 words.

(16) DA Form 3574 (Certificate of Acknowledgment and Understanding of Service Requirements) in triplicate, for nonprior service male applicants under 26 years of age who have not previously incurred a training and service obligation under the Military Selective Service Act.

(17) DA Form 3575 (Certificate of Acknowledgment and Understanding of Service Requirements for Individuals Applying for Appointment—Individuals Without a Statutory Service Obligation) in triplicate, for prior-service male applicant appointed after a break in service, and non-prior-service male applicant over age 26.

(18) All applicants will include a statement of marital status, number and ages of dependents under age 18. In addition to this information, all applicants will sign and submit the following statement:

I understand that if I am selected for appointment and/or active duty that I will be expected to accept such assignments as are in the best interest of the service regardless of my marital status and/or responsibility for dependents; and that it is my responsibility to make appropriate arrangements for the care of my dependents should I be required to perform duty in an area where dependents are not permitted.

b. Applicants who hold an appointment as a Reserve commissioned officer of the Army will submit the documents indicated in *a*(2) through (4), (11), (13), (14), (15) and (18).

6. Forwarding of applications. Applications will be forwarded to The Surgeon General (HQ DA (DASG-PTP-S) Washington, DC 20314), not later than 90 days preceding the starting date of the academic year.

7. Selection and acceptance. Selection of applicants to participate will be made by a board of officers designated by The Surgeon General. Each applicant will be notified of selection or nonselection.

tion by The Surgeon General. All selectees will be required to advise The Surgeon General (HQDA (DASG-PTP-S)) of their acceptance or non-acceptance within 5 days of notification of selection. If there has been a change in the applicant's physical condition subsequent to the last examination, the applicant is required to submit a full evaluation of any defect or deformity to The Surgeon General (HQDA (DASG-PTP-S)).

8. **Appointment in the USAR.** Upon selection and acceptance of an applicant, The Surgeon General will forward the application with allied papers to Commanding General, US Army Reserve Components Personnel and Administration

Center (BCPAC) who will tender appointment, as appropriate, in the Army Medical Specialist Corps, United States Army Reserve, in accordance with AR 601-139 and issue orders calling the individual to active duty.

9. **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 any time during the academic training. Separation from one of these programs will be cause for 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) direct to HQDA (DASG-PTP-S) Washington, DC 20314.

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