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PERSONNEL PROCUREMENT
MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS GRADUATE STUDENT PROGRAM

Effective 15 September 1969

This revision of AR 601-138 expands the scope to include candidates for acceptable doctors degree other than doctors of philosophy; age at time of entry into the program is raised to 32; minimum obligated service is raised to 3 years; and temporary advancement to higher AUS grade is provided when consistent with current temporary promotion criteria. Local limited supplementation of this regulation is permitted, but is not required. If supplements are issued, Army staff agencies and major Army commands will furnish one copy of each to The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-R; other commands will furnish one copy of each to the next higher headquarters.

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1. Purpose. This regulation announces the Army training program designed to procure specialists allied to medicine for the Medical Service Corps in the disciplines of psychology, physiology, and other fields which require doctoral level training for professional and scientific utilization.

2. General. *a.* Each year a limited number of students enrolled in or accepted by graduate schools approved by the Department of the Army will be selected for assignment to duty at their respective educational institutions for the purpose of continuing their professional education as commissioned officers on active duty until all requirements for the degree, doctor of philosophy, doctor of science, doctor of education, or other acceptable doctoral degree are met.

b. The total training period contemplated by this regulation will not normally exceed 3 years from date of reporting for duty under its

provisions.

c. Participants will defray all expenses incident to this training.

d. Participants will receive the pay and allowances of the grade in which serving (para 11).

e. Regular Army and Reserve officers who meet the eligibility requirement (para 3) may apply for participation in this program.

3. Eligibility requirements. *a.* Applicants who do not hold a commission in the Regular Army Medical Service Corps must be potentially qualified for such appointment (para 4a through f, AR 601-100).

b. Applicant must not have passed age 32 prior to the date of enrollment in the program.

c. Applicant must be matriculated or accepted for attendance at an approved graduate school, have successfully completed at least 1 academic year of appropriate graduate training, and be

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within 3 years of fulfilling all requirements for the appropriate doctoral degree, as prescribed by the college or university concerned.

4. Medical examination. Applicants will undergo a medical examination at an Armed Forces medical facility. Medical fitness standards prescribed in chapter 2, AR 40-501 will apply.

5. Security requirements. An applicant will not be appointed until a National Agency Check or personnel security investigation of broader scope, as prescribed in AR 381-130, has been completed with favorable results. Requests for investigation will be initiated by The Surgeon General.

6. Obligation. *a.* Prior to appointment, prospective officers will be advised of any service obligation they may incur under AR 135-90.

b. Participants in this program voluntarily incur an additional active duty obligation following completion or termination of training under this program. This obligation is the greater of—

(1) 3 years, or

(2) 2 years for the first year of training and 1 year for each additional year or fraction thereof. Those applicants who were in excess leave status will incur only one-half of a year additional obligation for each year or major fraction thereof spent in training prior to participation in the Graduate Student Program. However, time spent in this program does not satisfy the fulfillment of the obligation incurred as a result of being in excess leave status.

7. Training assignments. Participants in this program normally will follow a training and assignment sequence as shown below.

a. Students in a graduate psychology course which has an internship requirement for a third year, and who have not served that internship year, will be assigned to duty for the period of internship at an Army Medical Department installation designated as a training institution by The Surgeon General. Upon completion of the internship, these officers will be returned to their college or university to complete the final year of graduate training on an active duty status. Students selected from colleges or universities where the internship occurs during the fourth or final year will be assigned to an Army Medical Department installation to complete internship at that time. Unless specifically required, trainees whose internship occurs during the fourth or final year

will not be returned to their respective college or university, but will be assigned directly to appropriate medical installations upon completion of the internship.

b. Students in university programs not requiring an internship may remain in academic residence, when necessary, up to 3 years from the date of enrollment in the program.

c. Students who have completed the internship year before entering the Graduate Student Program will be assigned to their respective college or university for the purpose of completing their academic requirements.

d. These officers will be assigned to duty with the Army Medical Department normally not later than 3 years after reporting for duty under these provisions.

8. Application. *a.* Applicant not holding a current appointment as a Reserve commissioned officer of the Army, and desiring to participate in the Graduate Student Program in an Army National Guard of the United States status, will obtain Federal recognition and appointment in the Reserve of the Army (ARNGUS) before submitting application and allied papers. These individuals will be referred to the appropriate State adjutant general for consideration. To be eligible for Federal recognition as second lieutenants, Medical Service Corps, applicants must meet the general requirements contained in NGR 20-2, except as follows:

(1) Applicants will not have passed their 31st birthday prior to their appointment as second lieutenant, Medical Service Corps.

(2) Applicants will have met the education and service requirements in NGR 20-2 by enrollment in an accredited graduate school.

(3) Applicants, upon completion of the above requirements, will submit documents listed in *d* and *e* below, except DA Form 61, DA Form 3208, and FD Form 258.

b. Applicants holding commissions in the Army Reserve not on active duty will submit the documents listed in *d* below, except DA Form 61, DA Form 3208, and FD Form 258.

c. Applicants serving on active duty in the Army, including Regular Army officers on excess leave status, will submit documents listed in *d* (8) through (11) below.

d. Applicants not holding a current appoint-

ment as a Reserve commissioned officer of the Army and desiring to participate in Army Reserve Status will submit the following:

(1) Application in letter form (fig. 1) one copy.

(2) DA Form 61 (Application for Appointment) in duplicate.

(3) DA Form 160 (Application for Active Duty) one copy. Item 9b will be annotated as follows: "I volunteer to enter on active duty for the period indicated in my letter of application in accordance with paragraph 6, AR 601-138."

(4) Standard Form 88 (Report of Medical Examination), Standard Form 89 (Report of Medical History), and reports of consultation and other medical data, if any, in duplicate.

(5) 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 applicant completes DD Form 98 with qualifications, or entries provide reason to believe that selection is not clearly consistent with the interest of national security, appointment will not be made without specific approval of the Secretary of the Army.

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

(7) FD Form 258 (FBI U.S. Department of Justice Fingerprint Card (applicant)), two copies. This form may be accomplished at any military facility or law enforcement agency.

(8) Photograph (recent head and shoulder type), 3 by 5 inches.

(9) Evaluation from the Army Medical Department Personnel Counselor or an experienced career officer of the Army Medical Department.

(10) Transcripts of all academic work completed, prepared by the institution(s) where course work was actually accomplished.

(11) Letters of recommendations (para *e* and *f* below).

(12) Evidence that the applicant will be granted a conditional release if a member of another Reserve component, contingent upon appointment in the Army Reserve.

e. Request that letter of recommendation be prepared and forwarded by the dean of the applicant's graduate school or chairman of his department to The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-RM, Department of the Army, Wash-

ington, DC, 20315. This recommendation should include a statement that—

(1) The writer is familiar with the provision that appointees to the Army Graduate Student Program have a maximum of 3 years (from date of reporting to duty) in which to fulfill all requirements for the doctorate in (clinical, counseling, experimental psychology, or physiology).

(2) The applicant has completed sufficient requirements of the university to strongly indicate probable achievement of the doctorate in (clinical, counseling, experimental psychology, or physiology) not later than -----

(3) For clinical or counseling psychology majors, a statement will be included that the applicant has completed ----- months as a clinical or counseling psychology intern at (agencies' names and locations), where he was under the supervision of (name and degrees) who are (is a) qualified clinical or counseling psychologist(s).

(4) Recommendation as to the applicant's suitability for a commission in the Army Medical Service Corps in his specialty.

f. Two other letters of recommendation will be prepared and forwarded to the address in *e* above. These letters will be prepared by individuals familiar with the applicant's academic work, professional activity, or scientific training. The letters should assess the applicant's capability to pursue and complete his studies under this program.

9. Procedures for forwarding applications. *a.* To obtain maximum benefits from the program, applications with allied documents should be submitted 6 months prior to the beginning of the final 3 years of graduate study required for a doctoral degree. However, applications may be submitted at any time subsequent to this time.

b. Applicants not holding a commission and desiring to participate in the Graduate Student Program in Army Reserve status will forward the letter of application with allied documents through the appropriate Army commander to The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-RM, Department of the Army, Washington, DC, 20315, except as indicated in *c* and *d* below.

c. Officers of the Army National Guard of the United States will forward applications with allied documents to the State adjutant general, who will forward the applications through the Army com-

mander and Chief, National Guard Bureau, to The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDT-RM. The State adjutant general will include with the application a statement worded substantially as follows:

If _____
 (grade) (name) ASN SSAN

is selected for participation in the Army Graduate Student Program, consent is granted for him to serve on active duty in accordance with the agreement made by him.

d. Officers of the Army Reserve will forward applications with allied documents through the Army commander to The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-RM, unless they are members of a USAR unit. In that case the application will be submitted to the Reserve unit commander who will forward it, with appropriate remarks, through the Army commander to The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-RM. Officers on active duty in the Army will forward applications through military channels.

10. Selection. A board of officers appointed by The Surgeon General will make final selections. Criteria for selection will include scholastic and professional standing; mental, moral, and medical fitness; demonstrated interest in a military career; and leadership potential as evidenced by past achievements. Each applicant will be notified of selection or nonselection by The Surgeon General and whether selected as a principal or alternate. Selectees will advise The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-RM, of acceptance or nonacceptance within 10 days after receipt of notification. Alternates will be utilized to fill vacancies occurring because of disqualification or withdrawal of principal selectees.

11. Administration. a. Appointment.

(1) Applicants for the Graduate Student Program not holding a Reserve of the Army appointment, if selected as principals, will be appointed in the Army Reserve for assignment to the Medical Service Corps in accordance with AR 135-101. Alternate selectees, who do not hold a Reserve of the Army appointment, will not be appointed in the Army Reserve nor ordered to active duty except to fill vacancies created by disqualifications or withdrawal of a principal.

(2) Selectees who have status in the Reserve of the Army (USAR) with assignment to a branch other than the Medical Service Corps will be trans-

ferred to, or reappointed in, the Medical Service Corps, whichever is appropriate.

(3) Letters of appointment, active duty orders, oaths of office, commissions and assignment instructions will be issued by the Chief of Personnel Operations, and forwarded to each selectee prior to the beginning of the academic year, or as soon as possible thereafter.

(4) Officers, including those appointed under *a* above, will be ordered to active duty, transferred or reassigned, as appropriate, for the purpose of participating in the program, in the grade currently held unless entitled to a higher temporary grade under other regulations. If temporary advancement to first lieutenant and captain upon entrance on active duty is currently provided for based on postgraduate schooling successfully completed, the amount of appropriate graduate training successfully completed by a participant will be considered active Federal commissioned service for the purpose of determining entitlement to temporary advancement at time of entry into the program. (Example: If under current criteria temporary promotion occurs after 12 months active Federal commissioned service, an individual who enters the program after at least 1 year of appropriate graduate training may be promoted to the temporary grade of first lieutenant at that time under this authority.)

b. Reporting date. Orders assigning officers will specify a reporting date therein approximately 10 days prior to the registration date, with approximately 3 days TDY en route at the appropriate Army headquarters and the student detachment to which assigned for the purpose of orientation training and administrative processing. Orientation training will be as prescribed by the appropriate area surgeon. Administrative processing at the appropriate student detachment will include initiation of personnel and financial records; issuance of officer and dependent ID cards, if applicable; counseling and guidance as to obtaining medical care, leave, travel, code of conduct, pay matters, personal problems, and the like pertaining to officers undergoing civilian institutional schooling away from military facilities. Whenever possible, an informational guide designed for future reference covering these matters will be given each student.

c. Notification. Each student will contact the commanding officer of the student detachment to which assigned immediately upon receipt of orders. He will then be advised of any special instructions incident to his processing, including time and place of reporting.

d. Student detachments. The necessary vacancies within a student detachment of the headquarters to which the student is assigned will be automatically created by the issuance of orders assigning personnel to such detachment and will be automatically withdrawn upon reassignment of the student.

e. Strength accounting. For purposes of strength accounting, the organization of assignment will be responsible for recording the necessary morning report data pertaining to the personnel assigned as students under the provisions of this regulation.

f. Administrative absence, leave and permissive travel.

(1) Participants may be authorized administrative absence (AR 635-20) for such activities as attendance at conferences and lectures within the United States in connection with their studies. These activities will be at no expense to the Government. Such absences require the prior approval of the student's commanding officer.

(2) Absences of participants during vacation periods will not be chargeable as ordinary leave if the student remains within 200 miles of the school.

(3) All students will be encouraged to take their maximum ordinary leave each year. Such leave as is accrued will be utilized by the officer for absences during vacation periods if the student travels more than 200 miles from school.

(4) Election to take ordinary leave (AR 630-5) requires prior approval of the student detachment commander. A participant may be granted ordinary leave in the amount accrued plus leave accruing during the period he is on ordinary leave.

(5) Advance leave is not authorized, the provisions of AR 630-5 notwithstanding.

(6) Excess leave without pay and allowances will be granted at any time for cogent reasons when the student does not have sufficient leave time accrued. Ordinary leave does not accrue while an individual is on excess leave.

g. Other travel procedures. It will be the respon-

sibility of participants to keep their commanding officer advised of their whereabouts at all time. Travel outside of the 200-mile limit described above must be authorized beforehand.

h. Military administration. The Army commander: Commanding General, USARHAW; Commander, USARSO; or Commanding General, Military District of Washington, whichever is immediately concerned will, in accordance with current Department of Army policies, be responsible for the military administration of all student personnel assigned to his headquarters. This will include pay, discipline, medical care, supply, transportation, processing of academic reports as prescribed by AR 623-106, leave of absence and supply of pertinent Department of Army publications. Student personnel will normally correspond directly with the headquarters to which they are assigned on any matter affecting their duty status or assignment rather than The Surgeon General. Two 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-RM, Department of the Army, Washington, DC 20315.

i. Officer qualification record (DA Form 66). Qualification records will accurately reflect the status of participants and the accomplishment of academic and efficiency reports. Nonrated periods will be clearly reflected. Periods of authorized activities outside of the immediate professional school vicinity will be appropriately recorded.

j. Assignments. The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-MS, will initiate orders effecting relief from the program, and subsequent assignment.

k. Failure to complete requirements for degree. If a participant fails to complete the requirements for the professional degree as scheduled, the student detachment commander will request disposition instructions from The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-MS. Participants will be utilized in Medical Service Corps vacancies and will not be relieved from active duty for a period of years from date of termination of graduate student status as determined under the provisions of paragraph 6b.

12. Waivers. Waiver of eligibility requirements will be requested from The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-RM, Department of the Army, Washington, DC 20315.

SUBJECT: Army Medical Service Corps Graduate Student Program
THRU:

TO: The Surgeon General
ATTN: MEDPT-RM
Department of the Army
Washington, DC, 20315



1. This application is submitted for my acceptance into the Army Medical Service Corps Graduate Student Program under AR 601-138.

2. At the present time I (do) (do not) hold a reserve commission in _____ (branch, _____). If I am currently commissioned in the Reserve of the component and Armed Force)

Army with assignment to the Medical Service Corps, I understand that if I am selected for the program, this application will serve as my request for transfer to the Medical Service Corps, Army Reserve, for the purpose of participating in the Graduate Student Program.

3. I will complete my _____ year at _____ (name of school) and expect to begin my course of instruction in that school for my _____ year on or about _____ 19__ and to graduate on or about _____ 19__.

4. I (have) (have not) been rejected for military service.

Note. If previously rejected for military service, state when, where and reasons therefor.

5. Completed forms required in AR 601-138 are attached.

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Figure 1

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-R, Department of the Army, Washington, DC 20315.

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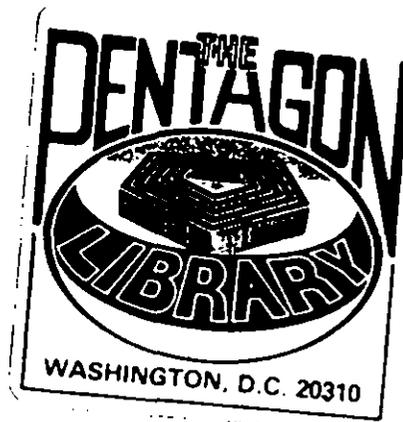
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