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This revision prescribes major changes reducing the age limit to 23 to insure eligibility under the provisions of AR 601-124 for RA appointment following graduation; provides a DA Form to be used as an application for participation to insure standardized application documents; and clarifies administration of participants by student detachments. Local supplementation of this regulation is prohibited, except upon approval of The Surgeon General.

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CHAPTER 1

GENERAL

1-1. Purpose. This regulation prescribes the general policy, eligibility requirements, application, enlistment and appointment procedures and criteria for the Walter Reed Army Institute of Nursing (WRAIN) Program.

1-2. Statutory authority. Title 10, U.S. Code, Sections 3357, 3444, and 3447 is the statutory authority for the appointment of commissioned officers in the Army Reserve and officers without specification of component for service in the Army Nurse Corps (ANC) under this regulation.

1-3. Procurement responsibility. See AR 601-132.

1-4. Description of program. The Walter Reed Army Institute of Nursing Program provides for the selection and training of qualified men and women as ANC candidates, wherein selected applicants, enlisted in the Regular Army or the U.S. Army Reserve (USAR), as appropriate, serve on active duty with full pay and allowances. Upon satisfactory completion of the educational and training requirements of the program, qualified participants are discharged from enlisted status and commissioned in the Army Nurse Corps and fulfill an agreement to serve on active duty for 3 years. The following specific provisions govern this program:

a. Selected applicants not already in service will be enlisted in the USAR in grade E-3 or such higher grade as may be authorized under current regulations. Regular Army members serving on their first enlistment, Army National Guard of the United States (ARNGUS) or USAR members on active duty, and Selective Service inductees may apply for participation in this program after satisfactory completion of 1 year of active Federal Service and will be discharged and reenlisted in the Regular Army in the current grade held or grade E-3, whichever is higher. Regular Army personnel, other than personnel on an initial en-

listment, and enlisted members of the USAR not currently on active duty will be reenlisted and/or ordered to active duty in the current grade held or grade E-3, whichever is higher. No further enlisted promotion normally will be authorized during participation in this program.

★*b.* Selected enlisted participants will be concurrently ordered to active duty and assigned to Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC), Washington, DC with station at the college or university in which accepted. Enlisted personnel enrolled in this program will be required to complete an initial 2 years of lower division courses of study at that civilian educational institution in curricular which will include educational requisites for this program as indicated in the appendix.

★*c.* Following satisfactory completion of requisite courses, the program participants will withdraw from the colleges or universities of their enrollment, be reassigned from WRAMC, Washington, DC with station at the college or university to WRAMC, Washington, DC and matriculate at a designated college or university as directed by The Surgeon General (para 3-4a and b).

d. Upon completion of the 4-year program, qualified participants will be appointed in the grade of second lieutenant in the USAR or without specification of component, as appropriate, for assignment to the Army Nurse Corps. Participants agree to serve on active duty under the appointment for 3 years beginning upon completion of the program or graduation from the designated college or university, whichever is appropriate. For fulfillment of statutory and/or contractual obligations, see AR 135-90.

e. Participants in this program may not accept tuition or related assistance from other governmental or non-governmental programs while subject to the provisions of this regulation.

CHAPTER 2

ELIGIBILITY, APPLICATION, SELECTION AND PROCESSING PROCEDURES

2-1. Eligibility. Applicants for participation in this program must—

a. Meet the eligibility requirements for enlistment or reenlistment under the provisions of AR 140-111 for USAR or AR 601-280 for Regular Army, as appropriate, except as indicated herein.

b. Meet the eligibility requirements for appointment in the USAR or for appointment without specification of component for assignment to the Army Nurse Corps as specified in AR 601-139, except as indicated herein, and the educational and professional requirements contained in paragraph 1-9, AR 601-139.

c. Not have reached the 23d birthday on date of enlistment or reenlistment. A waiver of the age requirement may be considered by The Surgeon General provided the applicant is otherwise exceptionally well qualified and will not have passed the 28th birthday on date of enlistment or reenlistment. Applicants selected for this program who do not meet the Army minimum age requirements for enlistment need not apply for waiver, since enlistments for this program are considered special enlistments acceptable to the Department of the Army without waiver. The written consent of the parents or legal guardian is required for enlistment and participation in this program of men and women under 21 years of age.

d. Meet the medical fitness standards prescribed in chapter 2, AR 40-501. Waiver of medical fitness standards for participation in this program normally will not be considered. Final review of reports of medical examination and determination of medical fitness will be accomplished by The Surgeon General.

e. Be a citizen of the United States.

f. If a female, not be married and not have legal or other responsibility for custody, care, control, maintenance or support of any individual under the age of 18 regardless of relationship.

g. Have completed a college preparatory course or its equivalent. The recommended high school course requirements are the following:

English.....	4 units.
Mathematics.....	2 or more units.
History and Social Sciences.....	2 units.
Foreign Language.....	2 or more units.
Biological and Physical Sciences.....	2 or more units to include 2 of following units:
Biology.....	1 unit.
Chemistry.....	1 unit.
Physics.....	1 unit.

h. Complete, at no expense to the Government, the College Entrance Examination Board or the American College Test.

i. Be accepted for matriculation in a regionally accredited 4-year college or university in the United States or Puerto Rico which can satisfy lower division educational prerequisites for upper division matriculation at a designated university as a junior student within 2 years and prior to reassignment to the Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

2-2. Application. Applications will be submitted on DA Form 3494 (Application for Walter Reed Army Institute of Nursing). Documents to be furnished with application are specified in *b*(2) through (7) below. Applications will be forwarded to The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-RN, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C. 20315.

a. Submission period. All applications must be forwarded to arrive in the Office of the The Surgeon General not later than 31 March of the year in which individuals are seeking enrollment in a regionally accredited 4-year college or university under this program.

b. Documents.

(1) *DA Form 3494 (Application for Walter Reed Army Institute of Nursing).* This form will

be completed by the applicant, and is available through normal AG publication channels.

(2) *DA Form 3495 (Secondary-School Record—Transcript)*. The applicant will be responsible for assuring that the principal or designated representative of the secondary school which applicant attended completes DA Form 3495 and forwards it directly to The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-RN, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C. 20315. DA Form 3495 furnished for applicants who are currently enrolled high school students will reflect completed courses and grades from the 1st semester of the senior year. DA Form 3495 is available through normal AG publication channels.

(3) *College entrance examination*. If College Entrance Examination Board or American College Test scores are not recorded on DA Form 3495 (Secondary-School Record—Transcript) or if the applicant has not completed either of these examinations, applicant will arrange to take the examination and have the results furnished from the testing agency to The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-RN, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C. 20315 not later than 31 March.

(4) *DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record)*. A copy of DA Form 20 will be submitted with application by the commander for applicant who is currently enlisted in the USAR or ARN GUS and/or who is currently serving on active duty in any enlisted status. The immediate commander will attach a letter of recommendation to application. Letter will include comment on the applicants' overall demonstrated performance of duty, interest in professional nursing and estimated potential for commissioned service as an Army Nurse Corps officer.

(5) *Transcript of college credits*. An official transcript of college credits completed since high school graduation will be forwarded by the applicant, or applicant will request the college to forward the transcript to The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-RN, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C. 20315.

(6) *Statement of acceptance*. A statement of acceptance for enrollment from a regionally accredited 4-year college or university in the United States which offers courses of study required for this program will be furnished by the applicant. If statement of acceptance is not available to

submit with the application, a copy must be forwarded to The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-RN, as soon as possible.

(7) *Photograph*. A recent 3- by 5-inch (not retouched) head and shoulder photograph.

2-3. Selection. Selection will be made by a board of officers appointed by The Surgeon General. The board will tentatively select principals and alternates from those applicants considered best qualified among all applicants. Final selection will be contingent upon meeting medical fitness standards, evidence of high school graduation, and receipt of the agreement outlined in *b* below. Alternates will fill vacancies occurring because of disqualification or withdrawal of principals.

a. Applicants will be notified of their selection, as principals or alternates or nonselection, by The Surgeon General. Principal and alternate selectees must advise The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-RN, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C. 20315 of their acceptance or nonacceptance within 5 days after receipt of notification.

b. The agreement shown in figure 2-1 will be signed by all selectees, other than Regular Army members, at the time of acceptance and returned with the letter of acceptance to The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-RN, Department of the Army Washington, D.C. 20315. If under 21, the parents or legal guardian must consent to the agreement. The agreement will be attached to the DD Form 4 (Enlistment contract—Armed Forces of the United States) at the time of enlistment.

c. Selected principals and alternates will be advised to report to the nearest military medical facility or Armed Forces Examining and Entrance Station for the purpose of completing a medical examination (AR 601-270). Where it is more advantageous to the Government, the medical examination may be conducted by examiners as provided in AR 140-120. Standard Form 88 (Report of Medical Examination) and Standard Form 89 (Report of Medical History) and consultations, if required, will be forwarded to The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-RN, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C. 20315, not later than 1 June.

d. Selected principals and alternates who furnished DA Form 3495 (Secondary-School Record—Transcript) which reflected completed courses and grades from the first semester of the

senior year will furnish another DA Form 3495 reflecting final high school transcript and graduating class standing (e.g., six of 100) to The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-RN, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C. 20315 not later than 30 June.

2-4. Enlistment processing procedures. Army personnel on active duty, Reserve component personnel not on active duty, and civilians residing outside the United States who are selected for participation in this program will be processed for enlistment or reenlistment as directed by Headquarters, Department of the Army. The Surgeon General will forward enlistment instructions for selected civilian applicants residing in the United States to the U.S. Recruiting Command.

a. Counseling. Prior to enlistment or reenlistment, applicants will be counseled by the enlisting officer regarding obligation for service, enlisted grade, pay and allowances for active duty, service creditable for pay purposes, medical care, policies and procedures, retirement benefits, leave, and pass regulations and policies, and other benefits and obligations of military service as is normally required upon enlistment or reenlistment.

b. Civilian selectees. Selected applicants who are not members of the Armed Forces will be enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve under provisions of AR 140-111, as modified herein, for 6 years in the grade of E-3 or such higher grade as may be authorized under current regulations and concurrently ordered to active duty for 6 years.

c. Current military members.

(1) *Members of the Regular Army.* Enlisted members of the Regular Army with less than 6 years remaining in current enlistment, who are selected for participation in this program, will have their current enlistment extended to permit 6 years of service following their selection or they will be discharged under the provisions of AR 635-200 and immediately reenlisted in the Regular Army under the provisions of AR 601-280, as modified herein, in current grade held or grade E-3, whichever is higher, for a period of 6 years.

(2) *Members of the ARNGUS, USAR or Selective Services inductees on active duty.* Such members will be separated under the provisions of AR 635-200 and will be immediately reenlisted in the Regular Army under the provisions of AR 601-280, as modified herein, in current grade held or grade E-3, whichever is higher, for a period of 6 years and concurrently ordered to active duty for 6 years.

(3) *Members of the ARNGUS or USAR not currently on active duty.* Such members will be ordered to active duty in current grade held or grade E-3, whichever is higher, for a period of 6 years (AR 135-210). If such personnel have insufficient time remaining in their current enlistment, they will be reenlisted in the USAR under the provisions of AR 140-111, as modified herein, for a period of 6 years and concurrently ordered to active duty for 6 years.

AGREEMENT

1. I hereby apply for and agree to accept enlistment for 6 years in the U.S. Army Reserve, if tendered, with concurrent order to active duty and with initial station at the college or university where I have been accepted for enrollment for the purpose of participating in the Walter Reed Army Institute of Nursing Program.
2. I further agree that at least 4 months prior to my completion of the program, I will apply for appointment as a second lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps, U.S. Army Reserve, or for appointment without specification of component, and will accept either such appointment, if tendered, and serve on active duty for a period of 3 years following satisfactory completion of the program.
3. I further agree that after I complete the program I will apply for and take, at my own expense, a State board licensure examination in nursing.
4. I understand that if I fail to complete this program satisfactorily or am granted voluntary withdrawal, I may be required to complete the full term of active duty service for which I enlisted or 2 years from the date of withdrawal from the program, whichever is the shorter.
5. I further understand that if I fail to comply with paragraph 2 of this agreement, or, if I successfully complete the program and fail to accept appointment, if tendered, I may be retained on active duty in the current grade held and be reassigned as the needs of the service require until the completion of the term of active duty service for which I enlisted.
6. If a male and the provisions of paragraphs 4 or 5 of this agreement are applicable to me, I understand that I will be required to complete basic combat training if such training was not previously completed and will be required to fulfill any military obligation prescribed by law and regulations.
7. I understand that marriage, in itself, is not a basis for relief from active duty or discharge from the program.
8. I am making this agreement of my own free will and choice.

(Applicant's signature)

(SSAN)

(Date)

If under 21 parent(s) or guardian will sign the statement which appears below:

I (We) have read and understand this agreement which my (our) daughter (son) has signed and consent thereto.

(Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Signature)

(Date)

Figure 2-1

CHAPTER 3

ASSIGNMENT, ADMINISTRATION AND APPOINTMENT PROCEDURES

★3-1. **Assignment.** Enlisted participants will be concurrently ordered to active duty and assigned to the Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) Washington, DC with station at the college or university of acceptance. Participants will be reassigned to the Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC upon satisfactory completion of the required lower division course of study.

3-2. **Administration while assigned to a student detachment.** The commanding officer of the student detachment to which the participant is assigned will be responsible for the administration of students including the preparation of required records incident thereto (AR 350-219). Commanders are encouraged to request necessary guidance directly from the Director, Walter Reed Army Institute of Nursing, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC 20012 concerning a participant's request for leave, extension of schooling, or any other administrative matter. Guidance concerning contractual agreements, funding or tuition contracts will be obtained from The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-TC (para 2-7, AR 350-219).

a. Records processing.

(1) DD Form 2A (Armed Forces Identification Card (Active Duty)) will be issued to participants in this program.

(2) In addition to military identification, participants in this program will be identified in orders, correspondence, and other appropriate documents as Army Nurse Corps candidates.

b. Student entitlements.

(1) Participants in this program are entitled to receive the active duty pay and allowances of their grades.

(2) No initial or replacement issue of uniforms will be made to participants during the enlisted phase of training under this program except the appropriate hospital duty uniform. After appointment as commissioned officers and entry on active duty in the Army Nurse Corps, participants in this program will be entitled to initial uniform allowance under the provisions of DOD Military

Pay and Allowances, Entitlements Manual.

(3) Participants are authorized travel on a space available basis on military aircraft in civilian clothing. This authority will be included on orders and/or on DA Form 31 (Request and Authority for Leave).

c. 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 and holiday periods when the school is not in session will not be chargeable as ordinary leave if the student remains within a 200-mile radius of the school. Travel outside this limit requires prior approval of the appropriate commander as provided by AR 630-5.

(3) Ordinary leave (AR 630-5) requires prior approval of the commanding officer of the organization to which the student is assigned. A student may be granted ordinary leave in the amount accrued plus leave accrued during the period ordinary leave is taken.

(4) Advance leave is not authorized.

★(5) As an exception to limitations prescribed in AR 630-5, the Commanding General of Walter Reed Army Medical Center will grant any necessary periods of excess leave without pay and allowances under the following circumstances:

(a) Upon exhaustion of ordinary leave.

(b) When student participation is being terminated and accrued ordinary leave has been exhausted.

d. Marriage. In the event female participants are married during their participation in this program, they will submit a copy of the marriage certificate and a request for official change of name to the commanding officer of the appropriate student detachment who in turn will notify the Director, WRAIN of the name change. Director, WRAIN will furnish the information to The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-RN.

e. Separation. Except as indicated below, participants will not be released from this program or obligation for service except under the most unusual circumstances as determined by Headquarters, Department of the Army.

(1) Participants who are medically diagnosed as pregnant will be separated in accordance with the provisions of AR 635-200 by the commander responsible for the maintenance of their personnel records. The Director, WRAIN will be advised that enlistee is pending separation and will be forwarded a copy of the separation orders.

(2) Participants who fail to qualify as potential officers during the period of training under this program by reason of failure to achieve required academic standards or who otherwise fail to meet required standards as determined by The Surgeon General will be processed for separation or reassignment from the program as noted below:

(a) Recommendations for separation under the provisions of AR 635-200 will be forwarded through The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-RN, to The Adjutant General, ATTN: AGPO-SS, Department of the Army, Washington DC 20315.

(b) Recommendations for reassignment will be forwarded through The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-RN, Department of the Army, Washington, DC 20314 to Chief of Personnel Operations, Department of the Army, Washington, DC 20315.

(c) Participants who enlist or reenlist for the purpose of participation in the Walter Reed Army Institute of Nursing Program and who fail to complete the program as prescribed or who are granted voluntary withdrawal from the program may be required to complete the full term of active duty service for which they enlisted or 2 years from the date of withdrawal from the program, whichever is the shorter. Participants who fail to apply for appointment as a second lieutenant at the required time or who fail to accept an appointment that is tendered may be retained on active duty in the current grade held and be reassigned as the needs of the service require until the completion of the term of active duty service for which they enlisted. Male participants will be required to complete basic combat training if such training was not previously completed. Male participants will be required to fulfill any military

obligation prescribed by law and regulations.

f. Financial assistance. Schooling costs, prior to transfer to Walter Reed Army Medical Center, will be defrayed by the Department of the Army as provided herein.

(1) The cost of a particular program is defined as the inherent expense incident thereto, such as tuition fees, textbooks, and expendable supplies (AR 350-219). Reimbursement for incidental expenses is not authorized during any period(s) for which the student is not under tuition contract.

(2) Schooling costs will be authorized for full academic terms only.

(3) Payment of tuition, fees, and reimbursements for expenses may be authorized by The Surgeon General for terms beyond normally specified lengths of schooling if such extensions result from authorized leave of absence from the educational institution and are due to reasons other than failure to meet academic standards (e.g., illness).

(4) The payment of travel or transportation costs as may be required by the educational institution as a prerequisite to granting credit for a particular course will remain the responsibility of the participant.

3-3. Student matriculation. It is the responsibility of participants to complete all required subjects listed in the appendix during the first 2 years of the program prior to reassignment to Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

a. Students will not be permitted to transfer from one college or university to another without prior concurrence of Director, WRAIN and approval of The Surgeon General.

b. When students are enrolled in a school in which summer courses are not available, students may enroll in other colleges or universities in the United States during the summer session at no additional expense to the Government other than schooling costs prescribed in paragraph 3-2f. Participants must receive permission from Director, WRAIN to attend a different college or university for the summer session. Request must include the name and address of the college or university, course titles and credits, tuition fees, and inclusive dates of registration for the summer session. This request must reach Director, WRAIN as early as possible, but not later than 75 days prior to commencement of the summer session. When approved, Director, WRAIN will notify The Surgeon Gen-

eral, ATTN: MEDPT-TC and the participant. Director, WRAIN will notify the commanding officer of the appropriate student detachment of the approval and provide the information indicated above.

c. Permission to be excused from attending summer session must be obtained from Director, WRAIN. If permission is granted, participants must request leave from the commanding officer of the appropriate student detachment (para 3-2*c*).

d. Normally, participants completing the lower division requirements will be reassigned annually to the Walter Reed Army Medical Center. When a participant's lower division schooling has been authorized beyond the normal 2 years, an interim period may exist subsequent to the time the student completes all required courses and the next transfer date to the Walter Reed Army Medical Center. During this interim period, students may be granted leave as outlined in paragraph 3-2*c*.

★*e.* Request for reassignment of participants will be initiated by Director, WRAIN. The Commanding General, WRAMC will publish reassignment instructions without reference to Office of Personnel Operations.

3-4. Administration while assigned to Walter Reed Army Medical Center. *a.* Upon reassignment to the Walter Reed Army Medical Center (para 3-1), participants will enter upon a program of nursing studies and activities at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center and other appropriate medical facilities. The Commanding General, Walter Reed Army Medical Center will, through contractual agreement with a designated university, implement and insure continuance of a program in nursing equivalent to those programs established by institutions of higher learning for the award of the baccalaureate degree in nursing.

b. Upon assignment to the Walter Reed Army Medical Center, eligible participants will matriculate, at their own expense, at a designated university for the purpose of obtaining a baccalaureate degree in nursing. Participants who so matriculate and whose achievements in the program meet the standards of the designated university will be awarded a bachelor of science degree in nursing by the designated university upon completion of the program.

3-5. Appointment and active duty as commis-

sioned officers. *a.* Completed applications for appointment and active duty will be forwarded by the Commanding General, Walter Reed Army Medical Center to The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-RN, not less than 3 months prior to the completion date of the educational program for determination of qualifications for appointment. The application will include evidence of a favorably completed National Agency Check.

b. The medical examination for appointment will be completed not earlier than 12 months prior to anticipated date of appointment and will be of the scope prescribed in AR 40-501.

c. The Chief of Personnel Operations (Commanding Officer, U.S. Army Reserve Components Personnel Center) will tender appointment in the grade of second lieutenant in the USAR or in the Army of the United States (AUS), without specification of component, as appropriate, for assignment to the Army Nurse Corps and will issue initial active duty orders. Participants qualified for appointment will be separated from enlisted status by the Commanding General, Walter Reed Army Medical Center the day preceding acceptance of appointment as an officer. The Commanding General, Walter Reed Army Medical Center will be responsible for the necessary processing and orientation including preparation of required records incident thereto.

d. At the earliest date following completion of the program, officers will apply for and complete a professional nurse licensure examination at no expense to the Government. Results of the examination will be forwarded by the officers to The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-RN through Director, WRAIN. Officers may be reassigned without regard to the results of the nurse licensure examination. The Adjutant General will issue reassignment instructions, as requested by The Surgeon General, which will normally provide for approximately 6 weeks' temporary duty to attend the AMEDD Officer Basic Course at the Medical Field Service School, Fort Sam Houston, Tex., while en route to a new duty station. Officer's obligated 3-year tour of active duty in the Army Nurse Corps will commence on or about the completion date of the program, or graduation from the designated college or university, whichever is appropriate.

e. Application for appointment in the Regular Army may be submitted or Regular Army appointment may be tendered to selected officers when qualified under the provisions of AR 601-124.

3-6. Administration following reassignment from Walter Reed Army Medical Center. An officer who fails the professional nurse licensure examination will be counseled by the current hospital commander or Chief, Nursing Service re-

garding retaking the examination at no expense to the Government. The hospital commander will forward results of licensure examination to The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-RN. An officer who fails to qualify for nurse licensure normally will be released from active duty and discharged upon expiration of the active duty commitment, unless sooner relieved from active duty and/or discharged by appropriate authority under applicable laws and regulations.

APPENDIX

REQUIRED COURSES TO BE COMPLETED BY WRAIN PARTICIPANTS DURING THE FIRST 2 YEARS OF THE PROGRAM

English Composition.....	One course equivalent to 3 semester hours.
Literature.....	Two courses equivalent to 6 semester hours.
History.....	Two courses equivalent to 6 semester hours. Must be offered by the History Department.
Social Science.....	Foundation courses in Psychology and Sociology equivalent to 3 semester hours each.
Philosophy—Fine Arts....	Equivalent to 3 semester hours in Art, Philosophy, Logic, Ethics, Music or comparable areas. Credits for courses in Theology or applied courses (e.g. Acting, Instrument Playing, Drawing or Painting) do <i>not</i> apply.
Mathematics.....	One college level course equivalent to 3 semester-hours.
Speech.....	One course equivalent to 2 semester hours.
Nutrition.....	One course equivalent to 3 semester hours. Focus on normal nutritional needs.
Growth and Development in Early Childhood.	One course equivalent to 3 semester hours. Developmental growth of child through early childhood years.
Science and Theory of Health.	Basic course in Personal or Community Health equivalent to 2 semester hours.
Physical Education.....	Equivalent to 2 semesters of P.E.
Physical and Biological Sciences: 24 to 28 semester hours. Courses to include—	
1. Chemistry.....	Introductory year course equivalent to 6 or 8 semester hours. Desirably, to include Organic Chemistry.
2. Zoology.....	Introductory course equivalent to 3 or 4 semester hours.
3. Anatomy and Physiology.	An introductory course in Anatomy and Physiology, preferably with focus on the human body. Appropriate substitutes will be considered with a course equivalent of 6 to 8 semester credits.
4. Microbiology....	Introductory course equivalent to 3 or 4 semester hours.
5. Physics or Genetics.	Introductory course equivalent to 3 or 4 semester hours.

For students attending colleges or universities on the quarter system, some modifications will be necessary. To convert quarter credits to semester hours, multiply by $\frac{2}{3}$. (e.g., a 5-quarter credit course is equivalent to $3\frac{1}{3}$ semester hours.)

All courses taken should be preparatory for professional and graduate education.

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CHAPTER 1

GENERAL

1-1. Purpose. This regulation prescribes the general policy, eligibility requirements, application, enlistment and appointment procedures and criteria for the Walter Reed Army Institute of Nursing (WRAIN) Program.

1-2. Statutory authority. Title 10, U.S. Code, Sections 3357, 3444, and 3447 is the statutory authority for the appointment of commissioned officers in the Army Reserve and officers without specification of component for service in the Army Nurse Corps (ANC) under this regulation.

1-3. Procurement responsibility. See AR 601-132.

1-4. Description of program. The Walter Reed Army Institute of Nursing Program provides for the selection and training of qualified men and women as ANC candidates, wherein selected applicants, enlisted in the Regular Army or the U.S. Army Reserve (USAR), as appropriate, serve on active duty with full pay and allowances. Upon satisfactory completion of the educational and training requirements of the program, qualified participants are discharged from enlisted status and commissioned in the Army Nurse Corps and fulfill an agreement to serve on active duty for 3 years. The following specific provisions govern this program:

a. Selected applicants not already in service will be enlisted in the USAR in grade E-3 or such higher grade as may be authorized under current regulations. Regular Army members serving on their first enlistment, Army National Guard of the United States (ARNGUS) or USAR members on active duty, and Selective Service inductees may apply for participation in this program after satisfactory completion of 1 year of active Federal Service and will be discharged and reenlisted in the Regular Army in the current grade held or grade E-3, whichever is higher. Regular Army personnel, other than personnel on an initial enlistment, and enlisted members of the USAR not currently on active duty will be reenlisted and/or ordered to active duty in the current grade held or

grade E-3, whichever is higher. No further enlisted promotion normally will be authorized during participation in this program.

b. Selected enlisted participants will be concurrently ordered to active duty and assigned to the student detachment of the headquarters of the Army area, Military District of Washington, or U.S. Army, Hawaii in which the college or university of acceptance is located, with station at that civilian educational institution (AR 350-219). As an exception to AR 350-219, participants attending a college or university in Puerto Rico will be assigned to the student detachment, Headquarters, 3d U.S. Army, with station at that educational institution. Enlisted personnel enrolled in this program will be required to complete an initial 2 years of lower division courses of study at that civilian educational institution in curricula which will include educational requisites for this program as indicated in the appendix.

c. Following satisfactory completion of requisite courses, the program participants will withdraw from the colleges or universities of their enrollment, be reassigned from the student detachments to Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C. 20012, and matriculate at a designated college or university as directed by The Surgeon General (para 3-4 *a* and *b*).

d. Upon completion of the 4-year program, qualified participants will be appointed in the grade of second lieutenant in the USAR or without specification of component, as appropriate, for assignment to the Army Nurse Corps. Participants agree to serve on active duty under the appointment for 3 years beginning upon completion of the program or graduation from the designated college or university, whichever is appropriate. For fulfillment of statutory and/or contractual obligations, see AR 135-90.

e. Participants in this program may not accept tuition or related assistance from other governmental or non-governmental programs while subject to the provisions of this regulation.

CHAPTER 3

ASSIGNMENT, ADMINISTRATION AND APPOINTMENT PROCEDURES

3-1. Assignment. Enlisted participants will be concurrently ordered to active duty and assigned to the student detachment of the Army area Headquarters, the Military District of Washington, or U.S. Army, Hawaii, in which the college or university of acceptance is located, with station at that civilian educational institution (AR 350-219). As an exception to AR 350-219, enlisted participants in Puerto Rico will be assigned to the student detachment, Headquarters, 3d U.S. Army, with station at the respective college or university. Participants will be reassigned to the Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C. 20012 upon satisfactory completion of the required lower division course of study.

3-2. Administration while assigned to a student detachment. The commanding officer of the student detachment to which the participant is assigned will be responsible for the administration of students including the preparation of required records incident thereto (AR 350-219). Commanders are encouraged to request necessary guidance directly from the Director, Walter Reed Army Institute of Nursing, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C. 20012 concerning a participant's request for leave, extension of schooling, or any other administrative matter. Guidance concerning contractual agreements, funding or tuition contracts will be obtained from The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-TC (para 2-7, AR 350-219).

a. Records processing.

(1) DD Form 2A (Armed Forces Identification Card (Active Duty)) will be issued to participants in this program.

(2) In addition to military identification, participants in this program will be identified in orders, correspondence, and other appropriate documents as Army Nurse Corps candidates.

b. Student entitlements.

(1) Participants in this program are entitled to receive the active duty pay and allowances of their grades.

(2) No initial or replacement issue of uniforms will be made to participants during the en-

listed phase of training under this program except the appropriate hospital duty uniform. After appointment as commissioned officers and entry on active duty in the Army Nurse Corps, participants in this program will be entitled to initial uniform allowance under the provisions of DOD Military Pay and Allowances, Entitlements Manual, 1 January 1967.

(3) Participants are authorized travel on a space available basis on military aircraft in civilian clothing. This authority will be included on orders and/or on DA Form 31 (Request and Authority for Leave).

c. 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 and holiday periods when the school is not in session will not be chargeable as ordinary leave if the student remains within a 200-mile radius of the school. Travel outside this limit requires prior approval of the appropriate commander as provided by AR 630-5.

(3) Ordinary leave (AR 630-5) requires prior approval of the commanding officer of the organization to which the student is assigned. A student may be granted ordinary leave in the amount accrued plus leave accrued during the period ordinary leave is taken.

(4) Advance leave is not authorized.

(5) As an exception to limitations prescribed in AR 630-5, the commanding general of each Army area, Military District of Washington, U.S. Army, Hawaii or Walter Reed Army Medical Center will grant any necessary periods of excess leave without pay and allowances under the following circumstances:

(a) Upon exhaustion of ordinary leave.

(b) When student participation is being terminated and accrued ordinary leave has been exhausted.

d. Marriage. In the event female participants are married during their participation in this program, they will submit a copy of the marriage certificate and a request for official change of name to the commanding officer of the appropriate student detachment who in turn will notify the Director, WRAIN of the name change. Director, WRAIN will furnish the information to The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-RN.

e. Separation. Except as indicated below, participants will not be released from this program or obligation for service except under the most unusual circumstances as determined by Headquarters, Department of the Army.

(1) Participants who are medically diagnosed as pregnant will be separated in accordance with the provisions of AR 635-200 by the commander responsible for the maintenance of their personnel records. The Director, WRAIN will be advised that enlistee is pending separation and will be forwarded a copy of the separation orders.

(2) Participants who fail to qualify as potential officers during the period of training under this program by reason of failure to achieve required academic standards or who otherwise fail to meet required standards as determined by The Surgeon General will be processed for separation or reassignment from the program as noted below:

(a) Recommendations for separation under the provisions of AR 635-200 will be forwarded through The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-RN, to The Adjutant General, ATTN: AGPOSS, Department of the Army, Washington D.C. 20315.

(b) Recommendations for reassignment will be forwarded through The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-RN, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C. 20315 to Office of Personnel Operations, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C. 20315.

(c) Participants who enlist or reenlist for the purpose of participation in the Walter Reed Army Institute of Nursing Program and who fail to complete the program as prescribed or who are granted voluntary withdrawal from the program may be required to complete the full term of active duty service for which they enlisted or 2 years from the date of withdrawal from the program, whichever is the shorter. Participants who fail to apply for appointment as a second lieutenant at

the required time or who fail to accept an appointment that is tendered may be retained on active duty in the current grade held and be reassigned as the needs of the service require until the completion of the term of active duty service for which they enlisted. Male participants will be required to complete basic combat training if such training was not previously completed. Male participants will be required to fulfill any military obligation prescribed by law and regulations.

f. Financial assistance. Schooling costs, prior to transfer to Walter Reed Army Medical Center, will be defrayed by the Department of the Army as provided herein.

(1) The cost of a particular program is defined as the inherent expense incident thereto, such as tuition fees, textbooks, and expendable supplies (AR 350-219). Reimbursement for incidental expenses is not authorized during any period(s) for which the student is not under tuition contract.

(2) Schooling costs will be authorized for full academic terms only.

(3) Payment of tuition, fees, and reimbursements for expenses may be authorized by The Surgeon General for terms beyond normally specified lengths of schooling if such extensions result from authorized leave of absence from the educational institution and are due to reasons other than failure to meet academic standards (e.g., illness).

(4) The payment of travel or transportation costs as may be required by the educational institution as a prerequisite to granting credit for a particular course will remain the responsibility of the participant.

3-3. Student matriculation. It is the responsibility of participants to complete all required subjects listed in the appendix during the first 2 years of the program prior to reassignment to Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

a. Students will not be permitted to transfer from one college or university to another without prior concurrence of Director, WRAIN and approval of The Surgeon General.

b. When students are enrolled in a school in which summer courses are not available, students may enroll in other colleges or universities in the United States during the summer session at no additional expense to the Government other than schooling costs prescribed in paragraph 3-2f. Participants must receive permission from Director,

WRAIN to attend a different college or university for the summer session. Request must include the name and address of the college or university, course titles and credits, tuition fees, and inclusive dates of registration for the summer session. This request must reach Director, WRAIN as early as possible, but not later than 75 days prior to commencement of the summer session. When approved, Director, WRAIN will notify The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-TC and the participant. Director, WRAIN will notify the commanding officer of the appropriate student detachment of the approval and provide the information indicated above.

c. Permission to be excused from attending summer session must be obtained from Director, WRAIN. If permission is granted, participants must request leave from the commanding officer of the appropriate student detachment (para 3-2*c*).

d. Normally, participants completing the lower division requirements will be reassigned annually to the Walter Reed Army Medical Center. When a participant's lower division schooling has been authorized beyond the normal 2 years, an interim period may exist subsequent to the time the student completes all required courses and the next transfer date to the Walter Reed Army Medical Center. During this interim period, students may be granted leave as outlined in paragraph 3 2*c*.

e. Requests for reassignment of participants will be initiated by Director, WRAIN and forwarded through The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-RN to the Office of Personnel Operations, ATTN: EPRDS.

3-4. Administration while assigned to Walter Reed Army Medical Center. *a.* Upon reassignment to the Walter Reed Army Medical Center (para 3-1), participants will enter upon a program of nursing studies and activities at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center and other appropriate medical facilities. The Commanding General, Walter Reed Army Medical Center will, through contractual agreement with a designated university, implement and insure continuance of a program in nursing equivalent to those programs established by institutions of higher learning for the award of the baccalaureate degree in nursing.

b. Upon assignment to the Walter Reed Army

Medical Center, eligible participants will matriculate, at their own expense, at a designated university for the purpose of obtaining a baccalaureate degree in nursing. Participants who so matriculate and whose achievements in the program meet the standards of the designated university will be awarded a bachelor of science degree in nursing by the designated university upon completion of the program.

3-5. Appointment and active duty as commissioned officers. *a.* Completed applications for appointment and active duty will be forwarded by the Commanding General, Walter Reed Army Medical Center to The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-RN, not less than 3 months prior to the completion date of the educational program for determination of qualifications for appointment. The application will include evidence of a favorably completed National Agency Check.

b. The medical examination for appointment will be completed not earlier than 12 months prior to anticipated date of appointment and will be of the scope prescribed in AR 40-501.

c. The Chief of Personnel Operations (Commanding Officer, U.S. Army Reserve Components Personnel Center) will tender appointment in the grade of second lieutenant in the USAR or in the Army of the United States (AUS), without specification of component, as appropriate, for assignment to the Army Nurse Corps and will issue initial active duty orders. Participants qualified for appointment will be separated from enlisted status by the Commanding General, Walter Reed Army Medical Center the day preceding acceptance of appointment as an officer. The Commanding General, Walter Reed Army Medical Center will be responsible for the necessary processing and orientation including preparation of required records incident thereto.

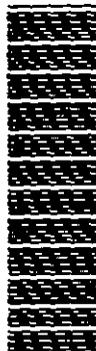
d. At the earliest date following completion of the program, officers will apply for and complete a professional nurse licensure examination at no expense to the Government. Results of the examination will be forwarded by the officers to The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-RN through Director, WRAIN. Officers may be reassigned without regard to the results of the nurse licensure examination. The Adjutant General will issue reassignment instructions, as requested by The Sur-

geon General, which will normally provide for approximately 6 weeks' temporary duty to attend the AMEDD Officer Basic Course at the Medical Field Service School, Fort Sam Houston, Tex., while en route to a new duty station. Officer's obligated 3-year tour of active duty in the Army Nurse Corps will commence on or about the completion date of the program, or graduation from the designated college or university, whichever is appropriate.

e. Application for appointment in the Regular Army may be submitted or Regular Army appointment may be tendered to selected officers when qualified under the provisions of AR 601-124.

3-6. Administration following reassignment from Walter Reed Army Medical Center. An officer who fails the professional nurse licensure examination will be counseled by the current hospital commander or Chief, Nursing Service regarding retaking the examination at no expense to the Government. The hospital commander will forward results of licensure examination to The Surgeon General, ATTN: MEDPT-RN. An officer who fails to qualify for nurse licensure normally will be released from active duty and discharged upon expiration of the active duty commitment, unless sooner relieved from active duty and/or discharged by appropriate authority under applicable laws and regulations.





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