

# ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS



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## AN EXCITING CAREER IS WAITING FOR YOU

Since the inception of the Medical Service Corps on May 19, 1917, our officers have served with distinction and pride and have made many significant contributions to our nation.

As member of the Army Health Care Team, you will work with a variety of health care professionals. You'll enter as a commissioned officer, automatically gaining respect and, at the same time, enjoying the camaraderie and pride that come from being an officer in the U.S. Army.

Plus, no matter what your specialty area, you can be sure you'll be working in a high-tech environment and impacting the lives of Soldiers, their family members and military retirees.

## CHALLENGING, HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE. BOTH IN THE UNITED STATES AND ABROAD

The Army Medical Service Corps offers a variety of possibilities to develop your leadership skills and assume increased responsibilities within the Army Health Care Team. You could be involved in direct patient care in a hospital setting, administrative work in a staff headquarters or practicing your specialty in a field environment in the United States or overseas. You may serve in a variety of command, staff or clinical positions with assignments at one of the Army's medical centers, community hospitals or research laboratories.

Whatever your assignment, you will find it extremely satisfying from both a personal and professional standpoint. Continuing educational programs are not only made available, but are strongly recommended. In addition, we encourage membership in appropriate professional associations and promote attendance at professional seminars and conferences to help you keep abreast of new technological developments in your discipline.

## YOUR LIFESTYLE AS AN ARMY OFFICER WILL BE AN ENRICHED ONE

You may have an opportunity to serve in other parts of the country – and possibly other parts of the world – where many travel and vacation opportunities exist for you and your family. Army hospitals, laboratories and other related facilities are located on or near military installations. Most installations offer community clubs, libraries, theaters, hobby and craft shops, Commissary (groceries) and Post Exchange shopping and recreational facilities such as golf courses, tennis and racquetball courts, swimming pools and fitness centers. Other recreational activities are usually available either on post or within a short distance, like skiing, hiking, camping, hunting and fishing.

You and your family members are eligible to receive no-cost or low-cost medical and dental coverage. You also earn 30 days of vacation with pay annually. And, after 20 years of qualifying service, you can also receive an attractive retirement package. In addition, you can take part in the Thrift Savings Plan, a retirement savings and investment program similar to a 401(k) plan. And, it is portable.

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## YOUR NEXT STEPS

Each of the areas of specialization within the Army Medical Service Corps is described in broad terms on the following pages. Basic educational requirements are also given. Please note: In order to meet all eligibility requirements you must:

- ★ Be a U.S. citizen.
- ★ Meet medical fitness, age and security requirements for appointment as an officer in the Army.

## ARMY OPTOMETRY IS ON THE MOVE

Army optometrists are the primary eye care providers on the Army Health Care Team. You will provide direct patient care, using the full scope of optometric practice to detect, prevent, diagnose, treat and manage ocular-related injuries, diseases and visual dysfunctions. You will also interact closely with health care professionals in other disciplines. Patients include military personnel and their families.

While initial assignments are normally in hospitals in a United States or overseas location, assignments are also available with field units.

As an optometrist on the Army Health Care Team, your career opportunities include: clinical practice, teaching, aeromedical research, residency training, vision conservation and readiness, optical fabrication laboratory management and general management and administration.

## ELIGIBILITY

Appointment as an optometrist in the Army Medical Service Corps requires that you:

- ★ Have a Doctor of Optometry (O.D.) degree from a school or college of optometry acceptable to the surgeon general.
- ★ Have a current, full and unrestricted license to practice optometry in the United States, U.S. territories or the District of Columbia.

## INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

Health Professions Scholarship Program: provides two-, three- and four-year scholarships plus a monthly stipend of more than \$2,000 (adjusted each July) to qualifying students. If you are attending, or planning to attend an accredited school or college of optometry, you may qualify. See your local Army health care recruiter for details.

- ★ Entry grade as a captain as a result of your professional degree.
- ★ Opportunities for fully funded Long Term Health

Education and Training programs:

- Doctorate in Physiologic Optics (three-year program)
  - Combined Fellowship/MBA programs (two-year program)
  - Military residency programs (one-year program)
- ★ Non-Physician Health Care Provider Board Certification Pay is available to qualified optometrists. The amount of this pay is based on years of creditable service.
  - ★ Optometrists are eligible for a special pay of \$1,200 per year, as well as, an annual \$6,000 retention bonus for continued active duty following completion of any obligated service.

## ARMY PHARMACISTS DO MUCH MORE THAN FILL PRESCRIPTIONS

As an Army pharmacist, you are an important part of the Army Health Care Team. You could serve in a variety of capacities, including ambulatory care and inpatient drug distribution systems. You could also be involved in a wide range of clinical pharmacy practice activities, such as nuclear or oncology pharmacy, drug-monitoring and patient education services and nutrition support.

Your opportunities could go beyond the clinical aspects of pharmacy as well. For example, you could work at the Department of Defense Pharmacoeconomic Center or at a regional medical command as the pharmacy benefits manager. Some pharmacists also teach in the Pharmacy Technician Training Program. Your assignment could be at an Army medical center, community hospital, troop medical clinic or in a field environment located in the United States or overseas.

## ELIGIBILITY

Appointment as a pharmacist in the Army Medical Service Corps requires that you:

- ★ Be a graduate of a school of pharmacy acceptable to the surgeon general.
- ★ Be licensed to practice pharmacy in the United States.

## INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

Pharmacy Residency Program: a 12-month training program available to qualifying pharmacists at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.; Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii; Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, Wash.; and San Antonio Military Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas.

Non-Physician Health Care Provider Board Certification Pay is available to pharmacists having a post baccalaureate degree in their specialty and current board certification in pharmacy. The amount of the pay is based on years of creditable service.

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Health Professions Loan Repayment Program: Provides up to \$120,000 for repayment of educational loans for qualified pharmacists. Payment is paid in annual increments of \$40,000 for each year of active duty service, up to the total amount.

### ARMY PODIATRISTS MAKE SURE OUR SOLDIERS STAY ON THEIR FEET

As an Army podiatrist and member of the Army Health Care Team, your main responsibility is to provide professional podiatric medicine and surgical services to Soldiers. You will broaden your experience through caring for family members and military retirees.

Also, practicing podiatry as an officer in the Army Medical Service Corps allows you to apply for such schools as Air Assault, Airborne and Jungle Training, among others. There are also excellent opportunities to participate in administration.

#### ELIGIBILITY

Appointment as a podiatrist in the Army Medical Service Corps requires that you:

- ★ Have a Doctorate of Podiatric Medicine degree from an accredited program acceptable to the surgeon general.
- ★ Have an active license to practice podiatry in the United States.
- ★ Have completed a two-year surgical podiatric residency before direct accession or be accepted for one of our podiatric surgical residency programs.

#### INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

- ★ Podiatric Surgical Residency Program: a 36-month training program for qualifying podiatrists.
  - Complete core clinical competencies at Eisenhower Army Medical Center (12 months)
  - Complete surgery-focused residency at Womack Army Medical Center (24 months)
  - The active duty service obligation is 84 months including time spent in the residency program
- ★ Non-Physician Health Care Provider Board Certification Pay is available to podiatrists having current board certification in podiatry. The amount of the pay is based on years of creditable service.

### BEHAVIORAL SCIENTISTS MAKE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WELL-BEING OF OUR SOLDIERS

#### SOCIAL WORKER

The primary mission of an Army social worker is to provide professional and comprehensive services through a broad range of individual, family, command and community interventions, programs and services. Their goal is to sustain, restore or enhance the social well-being and functioning of individuals, families, units and the Army community.

Army social workers practice within a broad spectrum of practice areas and settings that include: medical inpatient and outpatient treatment, mental health, family advocacy, combat stress, substance abuse, program management and prevention and primary care. The Army Medical Service Corps offers you significant opportunities to expand into areas beyond your traditional clinical roles, including research, teaching and administration.

#### ELIGIBILITY

Appointment as a social worker in the Army Medical Service Corps requires that you:

- ★ Have a minimum of a master's degree in social work, with emphasis in clinical practice from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.
- ★ Possess a state license in social work and possess a clinical license allowing independent practice (licensed clinical social worker or equivalent).
- ★ Doctoral-level social workers with a clinical concentration are also desired and are eligible for appointment at the grade of captain.

#### INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

- ★ The Child and Family Fellowship is a two-year specialized advanced clinical and didactic training program available to experienced social work officers. The focus of this program is assessment and treatment of military children and families.
- ★ Long Term Health Education Training is a fully funded educational program to obtain a doctoral degree in social work. This educational opportunity is available to social work officers after their initial service obligation. Applicants for the training must meet the criteria for doctoral training and admission to a graduate school.
- ★ Non-Physician Health Care Provider Board Certification Pay is available to social workers having a post baccalaureate degree and current board certification in social work. The amount of the pay is based on years of creditable service.

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## CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST

The Army offers many exciting opportunities to practice clinical psychology in a variety of settings in the United States, Europe and other overseas locations. Army clinical psychology officers provide a full range of psychological services to Soldiers, family members and military retirees. Assignment options include major medical centers, community hospitals and clinics.

Army clinical psychologists are afforded the opportunity to be involved with a wide range of professional challenges, including teaching, research and administration.

### ELIGIBILITY

Appointment as a clinical psychologist in the Army Medical Service Corps requires that:

- ★ You have completed a doctorate in clinical or counseling psychology and a clinical psychology internship program from an APA accredited program.
- ★ You have an unrestricted license to practice clinical or counseling psychology in the United States.

### INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

- ★ Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP): provides one- and two-year scholarships in accredited clinical psychology doctoral programs. It includes full tuition, a monthly stipend of more than \$2,000 and payment of required fees.
- ★ Clinical Psychology Internship Program (CPIP): a 12-month training program at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.; Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii; Eisenhower Army Medical Center in Augusta, Georgia; Madigan Army Medical Center, Tacoma, Wash.; or San Antonio Military Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas. It is available to graduate students in psychology.
- ★ Psychology Diplomate Pay is available to psychologists who have been awarded the diplomate in psychology by the American Board of Professional Psychology.

## OUR LABORATORY SCIENTISTS AND RESEARCH PSYCHOLOGISTS ARE AT THE CUTTING EDGE OF EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

Army laboratory science officers are in four broad biomedical career fields: biochemistry, clinical laboratory, microbiology and research psychology. Academic training can be in medical technology, biochemistry, physiology, chemistry, toxicology, clinical microbiology, parasitology, virology, immunology, molecular biology, research psychology or related biomedical and physical science fields.

As a laboratory science officer in the Army, you will engage in active multi-disciplinary programs in medical research and development labs, medical centers, clinical labs, and blood banks and forensic toxicology labs in the United States and overseas.

The emphasis in medical research is on drugs and vaccines to protect Soldiers against endemic diseases and chemical and biological warfare agents. You may also conduct research on combat casualty care, combat stress, blood products and physical performance in extreme environments. As an officer in the Army, you will develop the skills to lead, direct and manage research and clinical laboratories and biomedical programs critical to the Army's mission.

### ELIGIBILITY

- ★ Biochemistry and microbiology career specialties require a minimum of a master's degree to fulfill clinical duties, although a doctoral degree is required to work in research and development, and be competitive for senior officer promotion. Graduate training programs are generally available on a competitive basis.
- ★ Clinical laboratory officers must have medical technology training and be certified by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists or the National Certification Agency for Medical Laboratory Personnel.
- ★ Research psychology requires a doctoral degree in psychology or a research subspecialty.

## IN PREVENTIVE MEDICINE SCIENCES, YOUR SKILLS CAN HAVE A REAL IMPACT ON FORCE MEDICAL PROTECTION

### NUCLEAR MEDICAL SCIENCE OFFICER

Army nuclear medical science officers provide operational and consultative health physics support to occupational, environmental and public health entities in the areas of ionizing and non ionizing radiation protection, research, teaching and medical aspects of nuclear weapons effects.

### ELIGIBILITY

Appointment as a nuclear medical science officer in the Army Medical Service Corps requires that you:

- ★ Have a master's degree or doctorate in health physics, radiobiology, radiochemistry, nuclear physics, radiological physics, applied atomic physics, nuclear engineering, laser or microwave physics.

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## ENTOMOLOGIST

The Army Health Care Team depends on its entomologists to plan, control and monitor pest and disease control programs that can affect the health and morale of Soldiers and their families.

Many entomologists serve in staff assignments, where they prepare regulations, directives, standards and criteria. Others are engaged in teaching preventive medicine personnel. At more senior levels, entomologists serve as consultants both in United States and overseas locations.

### ELIGIBILITY

Appointment as an entomologist in the Army Medical Service Corps requires that you:

- ★ Have a master's degree or doctorate with a major in entomology or a biological science with a major in entomology, including a minimum of one medical entomology course from a school acceptable to the surgeon general.

## AUDIOLOGIST

Army audiologists are the key to a successful Army Hearing Conservation Program. They conduct quantitative and qualitative examinations of auditory pathways, and prescribe and implement non-medical treatment to conserve or improve communication ability of the Soldiers.

### ELIGIBILITY

Appointment as an audiologist in the Army Medical Service Corps requires that you:

- ★ Have a master's degree or doctorate in audiology from an accredited program acceptable to the surgeon general. Professional qualifications for unrestricted practice must be met. You must have completed an accredited one-year clinical audiology residency.

## INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

Non-Physician Health Care Provider Board Certification is available to audiologists having current board certification in audiology. The amount of the pay is based on years of creditable service.

## ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE OFFICER

Environmental scientists play a key role in preventive medicine within the Army Health Care Team. You would be required to advise on, or perform, professional and scientific work in all areas of environmental health, industrial hygiene and epidemiology. You could be involved in everything from food sanitation, risk communications, health hazard

assessments, industrial hygiene, epidemiology, pollution issues (air, water, noise, solid wastes, etc.), medical treatment facility issues, radiological protection and development, and implementation of policies, programs, practices and operations directed toward the prevention of disease, illness and injury.

### ELIGIBILITY

Appointment as an Environmental Scientist in the Army Medical Service Corps requires that you:

- ★ Have a master's or bachelor's degree in environmental science or relevant field. Preferred majors include environmental science, environmental health, industrial hygiene, sanitary science epidemiology, environmental management, and occupational health.

## ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER

Army sanitary engineers apply their skills to the investigation, evaluation and control of environmental factors that affect the health of Soldiers, their families and civilian Army personnel.

Your contribution to the Army Health Care Team could be involvement in air pollution abatement, solid and hazardous waste management, industrial hygiene, noise control and radiological protection.

### ELIGIBILITY

Appointment as a sanitary engineer in the Army Medical Service Corps requires that you:

- ★ Have a master's degree in engineering from a school accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology. The engineering degree should be in either environmental, environmental science, civil engineering, industrial engineering, chemical engineering, safety engineering, environmental health engineering and geological engineering. A bachelor's degree will be considered when the overall curriculum in mathematics, basic science, engineering sciences and engineering design provide an integrated education experience directed toward the development of the ability to identify and solve practical problems in the designated area of engineering specialization. You must also be academically qualified for graduate education.

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### **SERVE YOUR COUNTRY WITH A PARTICULAR PRIDE – ONE THAT COMES ONLY FROM THE ARMY HEALTH CARE TEAM**

**ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS OFFICERS USE HIGH-TECH EQUIPMENT IN STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES.**

Just as American technology has developed the most sophisticated weaponry in the world for the defense of our country; it has also provided the Army Health Care Team with the most advanced tools for preventing disease and treating illnesses and injuries.

Regardless of your specialty, be assured that you'll work in the most advanced surroundings, both in the United States and around the world. In fact, past Army advances in research and technology are now accepted as common medical practice.

#### **ARMY MEDICAL CENTERS INCLUDE:**

- ★ Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Augusta, Ga.
- ★ Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany
- ★ Madigan Army Medical Center, Tacoma, Wash.
- ★ San Antonio Military Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas
- ★ Tripler Army Medical Center, Honolulu, Hawaii
- ★ Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C.
- ★ William Beaumont Army Medical Center, El Paso, Texas,
- ★ Womack Army Medical Center, Fort Bragg, N.C.

#### **YOU TOO CAN BECOME PART OF THE ARMY HEALTH CARE TEAM**

The officers of the Army Medical Service Corps have developed their professional capabilities by gaining valuable hands-on experience in their specialties and also learning about other disciplines as contributing members of the Army Health Care Team.

They are furthering their own personal and professional development, while serving their country as commissioned officers in the Army.

They experience the special camaraderie that comes from being part of a team where each person's contribution is important and everyone is treated with respect.

You can become a member of the Army Health Care Team by making a commitment to serve your country.

For more information, contact your local Army Health Care recruiter, call **1-800-USA-ARMY** or visit **healthcare.goarmy.com**.