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MEDICAL SPECIALIST
CORPS
(SP CORPS)

EDUCATION PROGRAM
GUIDE FOR ROTC

This information guide was developed by The SP Corps office, for use by the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Professors of Military Science (PMS), Cadre and Cadets to provide consolidated information regarding SP Corps education opportunities. Please note that the information contained in this document is subject to change without notice. Please verify all information with source documents, program websites and your AMEDD regional recruiter/program manager.

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A professional group of trained health care specialists supporting the Army Health Care Team.

Disciplines include:

Occupational Therapist,
Physical Therapist,
Registered Dietitian,
and Physician Assistant

Specialist Corps Vision:

Complementary Clinical Professions—integrated and synergized towards a single focus

"Proactive Warrior and Family Health Care"

Specialist Corps Mission:

To provide, develop, and sustain clinician-leaders who bring the best of their professions to:

- deliver leading edge health services to our Warriors and Military Families
- maximize performance
- foster healthy and resilient people

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Occupational Therapist:

As an Army OT, you'll use your time, skills and creativity working in a wide variety of roles. You'll not only have the opportunity to perform upper extremity evaluation and treatment, ergonomic evaluation, physical disability rehabilitation and mental health intervention, but you may also serve in the deployed environment on a Combat Stress Control team.

Physical Therapist:

PTs in the Army serve in a number of settings, in a variety of specialized areas and in all phases of treatment. You might perform musculoskeletal screening on new patients, provide amputee care, or get involved in sports medicine.

Dietitian:

Keeping Soldiers and their Families healthy through nutrition is critical to the success of today's Army. Working alongside other Health Care professionals, you will be an integral part of the Army Health Care Team serving in clinical, food service, research, health promotion, education, sports nutrition and executive settings.

Physician Assistant:

As a PA in the Army you will find yourself as the primary Medical Officer of an airborne infantry battalion, armored cavalry squadron, or one of many combat arms or combat support units. It takes a high degree of personal responsibility and confidence in the field of medicine to manage the dual mission of caring for Soldiers in a field environment as well as for their Family members in a clinical setting.

U.S. Army Doctor of Science Program
in
Occupational Therapy

Cadets are eligible to apply if they are fully qualified Occupational Therapists.

For more information please visit the link below:
https://www.cs.amedd.army.mil/filedownload.aspx?docid=972

U.S. Army-Baylor University
Doctoral Program in Physical Therapy

This 27 month program includes 4 semesters (119 credit hours) course work completed at the Army Medical Department Center and School, Fort Sam Houston TX, an 8-week clinical affiliation and a 12-month internship.

Students conduct their first 8-week clinical affiliation in the fall of their first year in the program. The affiliation follows the second semester and is typically of an orthopedic emphasis. Upon completion of the didactic phase of instruction, the students engage in a 12-month clinical internship at a select number of internship sites.

Upon successful completion of the program, students will receive a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from Baylor University and are eligible to take the National Physical Therapy Exam (NPTE).

For more information regarding curriculum, please see the PT Baylor website on the following page.

Eligibility Requirements:

-Be at least 21 years of age

-Must possess a Bachelors Degree (or be in the final semester) with satisfactory completion of required prerequisites (no more than two prerequisite courses may remain prior to selection board).

-There are eleven required prerequisite courses. See website for required coursework for biological sciences, physical sciences, social sciences and statistics.

-Minimum cumulative and prerequisite course GPA of 3.1

-Minimum cumulative GRE score of 1000 (minimum verbal score of 450)

-Must complete volunteer observation hours in a physical therapy clinic. Recommend that the applicant complete a minimum of 100 observation hours in a variety of clinical practice settings.

-To apply, locate your point of contact per region using the prospective students' link on the website. The point of contact will help the cadet prepare and submit the packet.

www.baylor.edu/graduate/PT

U.S. Military Graduate Program in Nutrition Masters Degree and Dietetic Internship

The Graduate Program in Nutrition consists of two phases to complete the 21-month program:

Phase 1: Nine months of graduate education at Fort Sam Houston, TX with an emphasis on clinical and humanitarian nutrition, food service, performance nutrition, research, and military leadership.

Phase 2: Twelve month internship which includes hands-on experiences in clinical dietetics, food service operations, health promotion and applied research. Phase 2 is located at one of three sites: Madigan Army Medical Center, Fort Lewis, WA; Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington D.C; and San Antonio Military Medical Center North, Fort Sam Houston, TX.

Upon completion of this program, students will earn a MS degree from Baylor University and are eligible to take the Registered Dietitian exam.

Eligibility Requirements:

-Graduate of a didactic program in dietetics (DPD) from an accredited college or university

-Minimum GRE score of 1000; Minimum analytical writing score of 3.5

-Minimum GPA of 3.0

Application Process:

-Encouraged to start the process during junior year

-Application packets are due in December of senior year

-Applicants must apply with a recruiter and choose this program in the D&D Digital through the American Dietetic Association

-Selectees will be notified of selection in April of their senior year

-Please see the website listed below for more information on how to apply to the program and how to contact a SP healthcare recruiter to help you prepare your packet

www.baylor.edu/graduate/nutrition/

The Interservice Physician Assistant Training Program

The Interservice Physician Assistant Program (IPAP) is a 29 month program located at the Academy of Health Sciences, Army Medical Department Center and School, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

The mission of our program is to educate and train physician assistants for the uniformed services (Army, Air Force, Navy and Coast Guard).

Students who successfully complete the IPAP program are granted a Master of Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS) degree from the University of Nebraska and are eligible to take the Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam (PANCE)

<u>Eligibility Requirements</u>
(see website for all requirements)

-Minimum Cumulative GPA 2.5

-Must have taken the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) within five years of application. Minimum 450 in each section, minimum composite 1200 on 2-part test (math and verbal)

-All applicants must have a minimum of 60 semester hours of college credit

<u>Core Class requirements</u> (must be minimum 2.0 or higher)

-6 semester hours of Humanities and/or Social Sciences

-6 semester hours of General Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry, or Biochemistry (lab not required)

-6 Semester hours of English (3 Semester hours must include English Composition)

-3 Semester hours of Human Anatomy (lab not required)

-3 Semester hours of Human Physiology (lab not required)
Note: The combination of Anatomy and Physiology courses is acceptable, but then must take both Anatomy and Physiology I and II

-3 semester hours of College Algebra or a higher level math (not prep algebra)

-3 semester hours of Psychology (any)

ROTC Specific for IPAP Program:

Please see ROTC Recruiting Message RCHS-SVD-PA 2010 FY Message and Update to AR601-20 for full details, available at http://www.usarec.army.mil/armypa/applicationROTC.htm

- Must have letter of support from PMS
- Cadets enrolled in a BSN program or GFRD are NOT eligible to apply to IPAP
- Encouraged to apply during sophomore or junior year
- Applicants who meet all academic and eligibility criteria except *15 or fewer college credits (*that can be completed by 31 December of the application year), may apply for consideration as an academic delay

NOTE: An IPAP academic delay is not to be confused with an ROTC Education delay, they are two different requests. Your IPAP academic delay is requested with your application packet to USAREC. The ROTC Education delay is strictly handled by the ROTC accessions branch.

- Application Packets are due by 1 March and are self prepared and submitted by the cadet
- Application packets will be submitted by memorandum through the Cadet's PMS and addressed to:

Commander, USAREC
ATTN: (RCHS-SVD-PA your last name, first name, rank)
1307 3rd AVE,
Fort Knox, KY 40121

Packet must contain the following documents/forms:
* Denotes paperwork is available online

Form/Document (Left Side of packet)	**Forms/Document (Right side of Packet)**
On top of Tab 1: __Summary Sheet* Tab 1 __DA photo (5X8) __DA 705 (APFT Scorecard) Tab 2 __Typed letter of Intent __CV Tab 3: Letters of recommendation __PMS __Instructor /Professor __Physician Assistant Tab 4: __Delay Plan Letter (if applicable) __Academic Worksheet* __SAT Scores __Transcripts/Diplomas	Tab 5: __DA 61 (appointment Application) __DA160 (Active Duty Application) Tab 6: Official Military Personnel File (OMFP) Documents __Evaluation Reports (NCOERs) __DA 1059 (Academic Evaluation Reports) __Awards/Certifications/Licenses __Certificates of Training Tab 7: __DD214 (Release or discharge if you had break in service or prior service) Tab 8: __Waiver Requests* __Letter of Support PMS* __Cadet Application Memorandum* __Security Clearance __Physical (DD2351) DODMERB/Labs/Medical Waivers __DA330 (language proficiency)

For more information regarding the IPAP program, please review the website available at http://www.usarec.army.mil/armypa/

After reading the website, if you have additional questions, please contact the IPAP program manager at 1-800-223-3735 ext 60386
Or
Email: ipap@usarec.army.mil

Active Duty Service Obligation (ADSO) Information

- Doctoral Program in Physical Therapy (DPT)

Total ADSO 81 months (27 months training plus 54 month ADSO)

- Graduate Program in Nutrition (GPN)

Total ADSO 72 Months (21 months training plus 51 month ADSO)

- Interservice Physician Assistant Program (IPAP)

Total ADSO 83 months (29 months training plus 54 month ADSO)

Note:

- Personnel applying from ROTC can only apply for Active duty training seats
- You will incur the ADSO above for the training in addition to any remaining service obligation for ROTC
- This is a consecutive ADSO