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IN REPLY REFER TO  
BUMEDINST 1500.23B  
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BUMED INSTRUCTION 1500.23B

From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

Subj: INSTITUTIONAL AND PROGRAMMATIC ACCREDITATION OF MEDICAL  
DEPARTMENT ENLISTED TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Ref: (a) NETCINST 1500.3B  
(b) Handbook of Accreditation: Council on Occupational Education

1. Purpose. To establish policy for the accreditation of technical training commands and specialized allied health/dental programs of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) that provide technical training. This revision provides updated references, sources of data, and access links.

2. Cancellation. BUMEDINST 1500.23A.

3. Scope. Applies to all Navy medical department technical education and training commands.

4. Definitions

a. Accreditation. An extensive process of peer review by an external group or council recognized by the United States (U.S.) Department of Education whereby public recognition is granted to the entire institution or to a specialized educational program for meeting predetermined standards and requirements. Reference (a) contains additional guidance on the accreditation process. Reference (a) is available at: <https://www.netc.navy.mil/Directives.aspx>.

b. Institutional Accreditation. A process of peer review by an external group or council whereby the entire institution meets predetermined standards and requirements for all its programs.

c. Programmatic Accreditation. A process of peer review by an external group or council, whereby a specific allied medical or dental program meets predetermined standards and requirements.

5. Policy

a. All BUMED technical training commands providing education and technical training shall meet the standards and requirements of, and be institutionally accredited by, the Council on Occupational Education (COE). In this regard, adherence to the standards and requirements of the COE, reference (b), is required. Reference (b) is available at: <http://www.council.org/manuals/>.

b. All BUMED allied health/dental educational programs shall be accredited by an appropriate programmatic accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education. In this regard, adherence to the standards and requirements of the allied health/dental accrediting agency is required.

c. Deviation from the standards in references (b) requires Naval Medical Education and Training Command (NMETC) approval.

6. Action. NMETC echelon III and IV commands conducting education and training under BUMED cognizance shall:

a. Ensure standards and requirements for full institutional accreditation are met.

b. Ensure standards and requirements for programmatic accreditation are met for those accredited programs offered by the training commands.

c. Maintain direct liaison with NMETC Academics (Educational Operations Department) and provide copies of all correspondence, self-studies, and accreditation agency evaluation reports and institutional responses generated as a result of activities associated with both institutional and programmatic accreditation efforts. The accreditation manager shall maintain (1) all such written documentation, (2) cognizance of all institutional and programmatic accreditation requirements, and (3) liaison with universities, colleges, COE, American Council on Education, and all appropriate programmatic accrediting groups.

7. Accreditation Funding. NMETC echelon IV commands will individually fund the following services with the appropriate accrediting association:

a. The COE annual membership dues.

b. Temporary additional duty expenses for a command-appointed representative to attend the COE annual meeting.

c. Costs of the COE representatives or COE Evaluation Team member's visit to the command for preliminary, initial accreditation or reaffirmation.

8. Records. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of media and format, shall be managed per SECNAV M-5210.1 of January 2012.



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