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From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

Subj: MEDICAL CORPS REQUIREMENTS FOR ARMED FORCES HEALTH
PROFESSIONS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Ref: (a) DoD Instruction 6490.07 of 5 February 2010
(b) Fiscal Year 2026 Active-Duty Officer Accession Policy
(c) OPNAVINST 1120.4C
(d) Program Authorization 113 Feb 2025
(e) BUMEDINST 6010.30
(f) BUMEDNOTE 1524 of 1 July 2025 (Canc: Jul 2026)
(h) OPNAVINST 7220.17
(i) DoD Instruction 6000.13 of 30 December 2015
(j) NAVMED P-117
(k) DoD Instruction 6130.03, Volume 1, Medical Standards for Military Service:
Appointment, Enlistment, or Induction, 6 May 2018

Encl: (1) Medical Corps Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program Minimum
Academic Requirements and Criteria for Waiver Considerations.

1. Purpose. To provide guidance on the Navy Medicine requirements for the Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program (AFHPSP) applications for prospective medical corps officers of the U.S. Navy, designator 2100, per references (a) through (k) and enclosure (1).
2. Scope and Applicability. This notice applies to all applicants seeking appointment as a full-time scholarship students in the AFHPSP for the Medical Corps (MC).
3. Background. The AFHPSP is a primary accession source for Medical Corps officers. The program provides tuition, fees, and a monthly stipend to eligible participants in exchange for an active duty service obligation.
4. Eligibility Requirements
 - a. Citizenship. Applicants must be United States citizens.
 - b. Age. Applicants must be commissioned before their 42nd birthday. Waivers may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

c. Physical Standards. Applicants must meet medical standards as outlined in the reference (j), Manual of the Medical Department (MANMED), chapter 15 and reference (k), volume 1.

d. Education

(1) Undergraduate grade point average (GPA). Applicants must have completed undergraduate coursework with a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

(2) Medical School Acceptance or Enrollment. Applicants must be enrolled or accepted into a medical school in the United States or Puerto Rico approved by The Liaison Committee on Medical Education of the American Medical Association (for Doctor of Allopathic Medicine (MD) programs) or the American Osteopathic Association (for Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) programs).

e. Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) Requirements. Applicants must have a minimum MCAT- score of 500, with subsection scores of at least 124 in each of the four subsections.

(1) Alternative Criteria for Schools Not Requiring MCAT.

(a) Composite Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) score of 1160 or American College Test (ACT) score of 24.

(b) Acceptance into a combined bachelor (Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor of Science (BS)) and medical doctoral (MD or DO) programs, or early assurance program at an accredited medical school, with a cumulative GPA of 3.4 or higher (no rounding up) or ranking in the top 30 percent of their class (for universities without a traditional GPA grading scale).

f. Waiver Considerations. Applicants are eligible for only one waiver (e.g. GPA, MCAT, SAT or ACT). Waivers are not routinely granted and must meet the listed conditions:

(1) GPA Waiver

(a) Cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 to 3.19.

(b) Grade of B or better in all pre-requisite biology and chemistry courses.

(2) MCAT Waiver

(a) MCAT score of 497 to 499.

(b) No more than one MCAT subsection score below 124.

(3) SAT or ACT Waiver. SAT score of 1100 or ACT score of 22.

g. Waiver of GPA, MCAT, or SAT or ACT Standards After Passing United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Step 1 or Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination of the United States (COMLEX-USA) Level 1: Applicants who do not meet the GPA or standardized test waiver criteria at the time of admission, but matriculate into medical school, may be eligible for waiver consideration, provided they:

(1) Successfully pass USMLE Step 1 or COMLEX-USA Level 1.

(2) Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher (or equivalent to a B average). Waiver requests lacking medical school transcripts for all completed semesters will not be considered.

(3) Successfully pass all courses on the first attempt.

(4) Are in good standing with the medical school and have never required repeating a class or undergoing any remediation, probation, or deceleration (for either academic performance or professional conduct).

h. Immediate Selection Criteria: Applicant who meet criteria for immediate selection may bypass the normal Performance Review Board (PRB) pending review from the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) MC Career Planner. Applicants with waivers, legal determinations, or exceptions to policy, other than physical, are not eligible for immediate selection. To be considered, applicants must meet all criteria listed:

(1) For MD or DO schools that require MCAT:

(a) Undergraduate GPA 3.4 or greater (rounding up is not authorized) or top 30 percent of their class if GPA grading scale is not used at their university.

(b) MCAT composite score of 504 or greater.

(c) All MCAT subsection scores of 124 or greater.

(d) Completed all required enrollment documents.

(e) Be physically, mentally, and morally qualified.

(f) Motivated to serve via personal statement.

(2) For MD or DO schools that do not require MCAT:

(a) Accepted into combined bachelor and medical doctoral program or early assurance program at an accredited medical school.

(b) Undergraduate GPA 3.4 or greater (rounding up is not authorized) or top 30 percent of their class if GPA grading scale is not used at their university.

(c) Composite SAT of 1160 or ACT of 24.

(d) Completed all required enrollment documents.

(e) Be physically, mentally, and morally qualified.

(f) Motivated to serve via personal statement.

5. Records Management.

a. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of format or media, must be maintained and dispositioned per the records disposition schedules located on the DON Assistant for Administration, Directives and Records Management Division portal page at <https://portal.secnav.navy.mil/orgs/DUSNM/DONAA/DRM/Records-and-InformationManagement/Approved%20Record%20Schedules/Forms/AllItems.aspx>.

b. For questions concerning the management of records related to this instruction or the records disposition schedules, please contact the local records manager or the OPNAV Records Management Program (DNS-16).



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**MEDICAL CORPS ARMED FORCES HEALTH PROFESSIONS SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM MINIMUM ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS AND
CRITERIA FOR WAIVER CONSIDERATIONS**

Requirement	Minimum Standard	Waiver Considerations
Undergraduate GPA	3.2 on a 4.0 scale	GPA of 3.0 or higher, with a grade of B or better in all prerequisite biology and chemistry courses.
Medical School Acceptance or Enrollment	Enrollment or acceptance into a medical school in the United States or Puerto Rico approved by: - The Liaison Committee on Medical Education (for MD programs). - The American Osteopathic Association (for DO programs).	No waiver available for medical school acceptance or enrollment.
MCAT Requirements	Composite score of 500, with subsection scores of at least 124 in each of the four subsections.	Composite score of 497 or higher, with no more than one subsection score below 124.
SAT or ACT (for schools not requiring MCAT)	SAT score of 1160 or ACT score of 24.	SAT score of 1100 or ACT score of 22.
Alternative Criteria for Schools Not Requiring MCAT	Acceptance into a combined bachelor and medical doctoral program or early assurance program at an accredited medical school, with: - GPA of 3.4 or higher (no rounding up). - Ranking in the top 30 percent of their class (for universities without a traditional GPA grading scale).	No waiver available for alternative criteria.
Waiver of GPA, MCAT, or SAT or ACT Standards After Passing USMLE Step 1 or COMLEX-USA Level 1	Not applicable.	Applicants who successfully pass USMLE Step 1 or COMLEX-USA Level 1 may be eligible for waiver consideration, provided they: - Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. - Successfully pass all courses on the first attempt. - Are in good standing with the medical school.
Immediate Selection Criteria (Schools Requiring MCAT)	- Undergraduate GPA of 3.4 or greater (no rounding up) or top 30 percent of their class (if GPA grading scale is not used). - MCAT composite score of 504 or greater, with subsection scores of 124 or greater.	No waiver available for immediate selection criteria.

Immediate Selection Criteria (Schools Not Requiring MCAT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Accepted into combined bachelor or medical doctoral programs or early assurance program at an accredited medical school.- Undergraduate GPA of 3.4 or greater (no rounding up) or top 30 percent of their class (if GPA grading scale is not used).- Composite SAT score of 1160 or ACT score of 24.	No waiver available for immediate selection criteria.
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