***Commissioning programs in Navy medicine***

Navy medicine offers an alternative to the administrative burden and expense of private practice for physicians, dentists and medical service corps officers.

Health Care Administration and Physician Assistant Sections of the Medical Service Corps, Regular Navy - The Medical Service Corps in-service procurement program is a continuing program which provides a path of advancement to commissioned officer status for senior regular Navy hospital corpsmen (HM) and dental technicians (DT) E-5 through E-9 who possess the necessary potential, motivation and outstanding qualifications.

This program is extremely competitive. Enlisted personnel aspiring toward appointment in the medical service corps should begin preparation early in their careers through a sound self-improvement program.

General eligibility requirements are:

Be a U.S. citizen.

Be a member of the regular Navy serving as an HM or DT in pay grades E-5 through E-9.

Be at least 20 years old. Applicants must not have reached age 35 as of Oct. 1 of the year in which appointment can first be made.

Meet the physical standards prescribed for officer candidates.

Have no record of conviction by court-martial for the four years preceding the date of application.

Have a combined GCT/ARI score of at least 115.

Be a high school graduate or equivalent.

Have sufficient undergraduate course work with a grade point average of at least 2.5, to complete the requirements for a baccalaureate degree within 24 months.

For further information, refer to **BUPERSINST 1131.2.**

***Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences***

This four year, extremely competitive program to an accredited medical school accepts applications from service members who have a baccalaureate degree and have taken all of the required pre-med courses.

Students serve in pay grade 0-1 while in the program, regardless of previous rank, and are promoted to 0-3 upon graduation. Graduates incur a seven-year service obligation (following residency completion), and receive a doctor of medicine degree.

General eligibility requirements are:

Be a U.S. citizen.

Be between the ages of 18 and 28. Age waivers are granted for those with prior active military service on a year-for-year basis up to age 32.

Hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university in the United States, Canada or Puerto Rico, and have completed all requisite pre-med courses

Take the Medical College Aptitude Test prior to application.

Meet the physical qualifications for commissioning.

For further information, refer to **SECNAVINST 1500.8A, or contact the USUHS Admissions Office at DSN 295-3102 or (301) 295-3102.**

***Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program***

This is an extremely competitive program for applicants desiring to become a physician, dentist, or optometrist. Applicants can apply for 2-, 3- or 4-year scholarships.

Persons accepted into this program receive a commission in the Naval Reserves on inactive duty until they graduate, when they are advanced to lieutenant and enter active service. Graduates incur a year for year obligation (following residency obligation) based upon the scholarship received.

General eligibility requirements are:

Be a U.S. citizen

Be accepted to an AAMC accredited medical (or select osteopathic) school of medicine, or ADA approved dental school or American Optometric Association program.

Be able to receive degree prior to your 40th birthday.

Meet the physical standards for officer candidates.

Selected members receive payment for full tuition, books, and select incidentals, and a monthly stipend of $886 per month.

***Medical Enlisted Commissioning Program***

The Medical Enlisted Commissioning Program offers enlisted personnel of all ratings the chance to become ensigns in the Nurse Corps by allowing them to obtain their bachelor of science degree in nursing.

General requirements are:

Be a U.S. citizen.

Be able to complete the educational requirements and be commissioned before reaching their 35th birthday.

Meet the physical standards for officer candidates.

Have at least three years active service as of January 1 of the year of application.

Complete the undergraduate requirements for a bachelor's degree in nursing within 36 consecutive months.

Have a 2.5 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) from all college courses completed.

Be accepted to a baccalaureate program leading to a bachelor's degree in nursing at a university accredited by the National League of Nursing.

Selectees will receive full pay and benefits, but will be expected to pay their own educational expenses.