

UNITED STATES ARMY
HEALTH PROFESSIONS
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
IN
MEDICINE, DENTISTRY, VETERINARY MEDICINE,
OPTOMETRY, CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY AND
NURSE ANESTHESIA

WHAT IS THE ARMY'S HEALTH PROFESSIONS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM? The Army offers one of the most generous and comprehensive scholarships in the health care field. It's called the F. Edward Hebert Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP, for short). Whether you want to become a Physician, Dentist, Veterinarian, Optometrist, Clinical Psychologist, or Nurse Anesthetist, if you qualify, you could earn a full-tuition scholarship, plus a monthly allowance through the Army's HPSP.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY:

- Be a citizen of the United States.
- Be enrolled in or have a letter of acceptance to an accredited graduate program in the United States or Puerto Rico.
- Meet eligibility criteria for appointment as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army Reserve.
- Maintain full-time student status during the entire length of the program.

WHAT DOES THE ARMY PAY FOR?

- **Tuition**: You select the school, obtain acceptance, and apply for the scholarship. If selected, 100% tuition is paid to any accredited professional school in the United States or Puerto Rico.
- **Books/Fees/Reimbursables**: The Army will pay for required books, rental of nonexpendable equipment, and most academic fees.
- **Monthly Stipend**: A generous monthly stipend of over \$1,235.00 will be provided for the ten and one-half months of each school year.
- **Army Officer Pay**: For the remaining six weeks of the school year, you will receive the full pay and allowances offered a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserve.
- **Promotions**: You'll be commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Army Reserve. After graduation and entrance on active duty, you'll be promoted to Captain, which means more pay. Your salary will increase through the years with promotions, time in service, and annual cost of living increases. You'll also receive a monthly non-taxable allowance for your food and housing.

WHAT DOES THE ARMY EXPECT OF YOU?

- **Full Time Student:** You are expected to be a dedicated, full-time student, putting your best effort toward your studies.
- **Army Reserve Officer:** You will be commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserve.
- **45 Days Active Duty for Training:** While a student, you will be required to perform a training period for each school year in which you participate in the scholarship program. This training may be performed at an Army health care facility near your school, or you could work in one of the Army's world-renowned health care facilities, such as Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., or Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, Washington. Either way, you'll be exposed to a health care system that excels at training people for rewarding careers in health care. This training provides you the opportunity to learn about your particular specialty. If your academic program does not permit time away from school, arrangements may be made to allow you to continue your studies while performing annual training at school.
- **Active Duty Obligation:** Your active duty obligation to the Army is one year for each year you receive the HPSP. Your minimum obligation depends on the health care field you choose; for example, the minimum obligation for medical students is two years. For dental, clinical psychology, optometry, nurse anesthesia and veterinary students, the minimum obligation is three years.

THE ADVANTAGES OF ARMY HEALTH CARE:

- **The Army Health Care Team:** Once you graduate, you will become a member of one of the most comprehensive and dynamic health care organizations in the world--the Army Medical Department. It's mission is to support America's Army at home and abroad, serving over three million beneficiaries. The Army Medical Department is comprised of six corps: the Medical Corps, Dental Corps, Medical Service Corps, Medical Specialist Corps, Nurse Corps, and Veterinary Corps, plus enlisted specialists and civilian employees. Together they offer more diversity than just about any other health care system in the world.
- **Superior Facilities:** Army health care is like no other health care in the world. Where else can you work and train at state-of-the-art facilities like Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas; Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii; Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.; or the Army Burn Center, located in San Antonio, Texas and part of the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases located in Frederick, Maryland?
- **High-Tech Equipment:** Where else can you have the opportunity to work with the latest high-tech equipment, whether it's laser technology, life-saving trauma equipment, or sophisticated telemedicine capabilities that enable Army personnel to hold teaching seminars and perform medical operations all over the world?
- **Quality Care:** Perhaps the greatest advantage of being part of the Army Health Care Team is our commitment to patient care. Army health care professionals don't have to worry about processing insurance claims, the costs of running an office, or building a client base. They're free to concentrate on patient care and professional growth. And, with over 100 challenging health care specialties to choose from, you can see why Army health care is a smart choice for more than just financial reasons.

GRADUATE MEDICAL, DENTAL AND CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY EDUCATION:

- **Medical HPSP:** Participants are required to apply for the First Year of Graduate Medical Education (FYGME), which is performed on active duty. Army medical training programs are approved by the Council for Graduate Medical Education. If selected, you must participate. You will then have the opportunity to compete for continuation in the residency of your choice. If not selected for FYGME, you will be granted an educational delay status to allow you to complete that portion of your training in a civilian hospital. Thereafter, you will have the opportunity to apply for further delay to complete a civilian residency.
- **Dental HPSP:** Participants are eligible to apply for the Army's Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD-1). Army dental training programs are accredited by the Council of Dental Education of the American Dental Association. The Army Dental Corps selects 40 dentists annually to train in this program.
- **Clinical Psychology HPSP:** Participants must apply for the Army Clinical Psychology Internship Program (CPIP) and, if selected, participate in it. If selected, you will participate in this program at one of four American Psychological Association (APA) accredited sites: Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.; Dwight David Eisenhower Army Medical Center in Augusta, Georgia; Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii; or Wilford Hall Air Force Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas. The internship is conducted for 13 months, beginning in mid-June. If selected, your active duty obligation is 49 months, including the internship.

OTHER HPSP SCHOLARSHIPS:

- **Optometry HPSP:** The Army is a smart way to start your career as an Optometrist, and the HPSP is a smart way to pay for your education. As an Army Optometrist, your clinical role would include exams, evaluations, vision training, developmental vision, contact lenses, subnormal vision, and occupational and school vision. You may also have unique opportunities in research, teaching, and management, plus the chance to interact with other health care professionals in various disciplines, such as assisting Flight Surgeons with flight physicals or working with school nurses in children's vision programs.
- **Nurse Anesthesia HPSP:** The HPSP offers one to four year scholarships for Nurse Anesthesia students. As you probably know, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists are in great demand. What you may not know is that Nurse Anesthetists in the Army have more choices, greater autonomy, many opportunities for advancement, and more respect as leaders and officers in the United States Army Nurse Corps.
- **Veterinary HPSP:** The HPSP is a unique way to pay for Veterinary school and the Army is a remarkable place to practice veterinary medicine. As an Army Veterinarian, your practice could take you to one of over 1,000 locations in more than 40 countries. Army Veterinarians are involved in areas as diverse as disease control, biomedical research and development, animal medicine, epidemiology, public health, national emergencies, education programs, stray animal programs, and food inspections. You could even become an integral part of the Army's innovative Human-Animal Bond Program, or the Service Dog Training Center Program.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: For more information and application forms, contact your local Army Health Care Recruiter at:

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