U.S. Navy Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP)

What is HPSP? The Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program is a program that will enable you to obtain a fully funded education in the fields of Medicine, Dentistry, Clinical Psychology, Physician Assistant, Podiatry or Optometry and a commission as a Naval Officer. In this program, 100% of your tuition, required school fees (excluding housing and meals), required books and equipment are paid. An approximately $2,100 per month stipend is paid when in the program and not on Active Duty, and 45 days of Active Duty pay and benefits (as an Ensign/O-1) are awarded each year. The amount of Active Duty pay varies based on your marital status and prior military experience, but is generally in excess of $4,500 for the period. In addition to these benefits, a $20,000 signing bonus is paid to individuals signing up for the medical or dental HPSP programs. In return for these benefits, participants agree to serve on Active Duty, not in a training status, one year for every year of participation, with a minimum service obligation of 3 to 4 years on Active duty.

What does it take to qualify for this program?
1) Be accepted to or enrolled in an accredited school in the United States or Canada. You can apply to the HPSP program at the same time you apply for your educational program (we encourage you to do this!), but final selection will occur only upon acceptance to graduate school.
2) Be a U. S. citizen.
3) Be physically qualified for commission as a Naval Officer.
4) Competitive requirements vary for each program.

What are Clerkships? While in school, you must apply each year for a temporary active duty Navy clerkship. One of your clerkships will be Officer Development School (ODS), Newport, RI where you will get basic information on being a Naval Officer. Clinical clerkships last about 45 days, during which time you will receive full Navy pay and allowances. During clerkships you learn about Navy Health Care, and you travel at Navy expense. If your school curriculum will not permit you to spend all 45 days at a Navy medical facility, you may take part of your clerkship at your school. You will still receive your full pay and allowances.

Graduate Medical/Dental Education (Internship and Residency). Medical school scholarship students are required to apply for graduate medical education at a military training hospital in the fall of the year prior to graduation from school. If selected, you’ll be called to active duty and assigned to an internship at a Navy hospital. Students may also apply for a deferment to perform residency training in civilian programs. You’ll serve your active duty obligation after you complete your internship and/or residency. If not selected for a residency immediately following internship, you may be assigned to work in the Fleet as a General Medical Officer, performing submarine or aerospace medicine, or duty aboard a Navy ship, with the Fleet Marine Force, or in a Navy hospital. Dental school scholarship students may also apply for Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD), General Practice Residency (GPR) or specialty training.

How can you apply or learn more?
Please contact your Navy HPSP Representative below ASAP to get started. You do not have to be accepted to graduate school in order to apply! Early applications are key! Download the Navy App for your Smartphone.

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Navy Medicine
Health Services Collegiate Program (HSCP)

An educational support program for individuals pursuing graduate degrees in professional medical programs.

Eligible Degree Programs*:
- Medicine – allopathic (MD) or osteopathic (DO);
- Dentistry (DDS or DMD);
- Social Work (MSW);
- Pharmacy (PharmD);
- Occupational Therapy;
- Health Care Administration (select MHSA, MHA, MPH, MPA programs);
- Environmental Health Officer (MPH);
- Industrial Hygiene Officer (MPH);
- Audiology Resident;
- Podiatric Surgery Resident;
- Entomology;
- Physician Assistant (PA-C Masters Only)

* Programs require specialty specific accreditation – see local Medical Officer Programs recruiter

Benefits
- Full Pay and Allowances (~$36 to ~65K annually) of an Active Duty E-6 or E-7
- Begin earning time towards Navy retirement pension
- Begin earning 30 days vacation with pay each year and carry over up to 75 days to start your career
- Guaranteed position as Naval Officer upon graduation
- Remain eligible for potential Health Professions Loan Repayment
- Robust continuing education opportunities
- Navy assignment location negotiation
- Professional training and development

Military/Service Commitment
- Academic achievement while a collegiate
- Physical Fitness test 2X per year while a collegiate
- Contact with local Navy Recruiting District monthly
- 3 to 5 years Active Duty following graduation
- Attend a 5 Week Officer Development School, Newport, Rhode Island following graduation

Eligibility Criteria
- U.S. Citizen (dual citizenship not permitted)
- Physically qualified commission as Naval Officer
- Accepted into an accredited school in the U.S., Canada or Puerto Rico

Applications
- Local medical officer program recruiters assist with application
- Requires interviews, physical exam, transcripts, references, and standardized test scores
- Process typically takes 3 months to complete.

Early in 1798 the first physicians were awarded commissions in the U.S. Navy as “Surgeons” and “Surgeons Mates.” Their mission was simple: provide medical care aboard ships and shore stations. Navy Medicine now encompasses over 30 professional health specialties and hundreds of sub-specialties. Physicians, Nurses, Dentists, Allied Health Clinicians and Scientists now serve with the Marine Corps, in the Attending Physician’s Office to Congress and the White House. They also serve in the aviation and undersea medical communities, and as astronauts exploring the frontiers of space. Navy Medicine continues to pave new frontiers in biomedical research, medical education and training, and patient care delivery at our clinics, hospitals, aboard our afloat platforms, and in combat theaters around the world.

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