

Students may get medical school or health care practitioner education (e.g. dentist, physical therapist, mental health counselor, etc) paid for. You can attend a school of your choice and possibly may emerge debt-free.

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

HPSP - Introduction

With the Navy Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP), you may receive 100% tuition coverage during medical school, plus:

- A monthly stipend of \$2,179 to help cover living expenses for up to 48 months
- And a sign-on bonus of up to \$20,000

HPSP - The Package

Students receive active duty status, pay, and benefits while in medical school.

Military obligations while a student are:

- Semi-annual Physical Fitness Assessments (PFA)
- Annual yearly drug screen
- Semi-annual review of transcripts
- Completion of ODS (Officer Development School) prior to internship.

Students start at O-1 (Ensign – 1st officer rank) pay.

Basic Requirements:

- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Ability to maintain full-time student status
- Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution.
- Applicants must be enrolled in, or accepted for enrollment/transfer to, an accredited college, university, or school of study for a designated health profession in the United States or Puerto Rico. ***Online/distant learning degree programs do not meet this requirement.***
- In the case of medical school, the school must be accredited through Liaison Committee for Medical Education (see www.lcme.org) or the American Osteopathic Association Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (see www.osteopathic.org).
- In the case of dental school, the school must be accredited by the American Dental Association (see www.ada.org).
- In the case of Medical Service Corps education programs, the school must be accredited in accordance with the subspecialty requirements set forth in Program Authorization 115 (Direct appointment as officers in the MSC).
- Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and be able to commission by age 42 and/or be able to serve 20 years of commissioned active service by age 62. No age waivers will be granted. There are no marital status restrictions.
- Applicants must meet physical standards for appointment as prescribed in NAVMED P-117. Candidates must meet the physical fitness weight and/or percentage of body fat standards at the time of application **and** at time of commissioning.

U.S. Navy HSCP (Health Services Collegiate Program)

HSCP - Introduction

Navy HSCP (Health Services Collegiate Program) is a **United States Navy exclusive** program similar to the Armed Forces HPSP (Health Professions Scholarship Program). There are many routes for receiving educational aid through the Navy, but the most well-known route is Navy HPSP. HSCP has only recently become available as an option for medical school students (circa 2008).

With the Navy Health Services Collegiate Program (HSCP), you may receive from \$157,000 to \$269,000 while attending medical school. This includes:

- A monthly military salary
- A generous housing allowance*
- A comprehensive health-care benefits package

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Military obligations while a student are:

- Semi-annual Physical Fitness Assessments (PFA)
- Annual yearly drug screen
- Semi-annual review of transcripts
- Completion of ODS (Officer Development School) prior to internship.

Students start at E6 (Petty Officer First Class) pay.

Students can advance to E7 (Chief Petty Officer) pay.

- by referring another student to a Navy officer program

At completion of medical school and ODS, students are promoted to O3 (Lieutenant)

Note: Time in program counts as active duty time and credited towards retirement.

Note: HSCP military service commitment is the length of the scholarship or the length of an In-service residency (whichever is longer with a minimum of 3 years).

Basic Requirements:

- Must be a U.S. citizen
- Ability to maintain full-time student status
- Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution.
- Applicants must be enrolled in, or accepted for enrollment/transfer to, an accredited college, university, or school of study for a designated health profession in the United States or Puerto Rico. **Online/distant learning degree programs do not meet this requirement.**
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HSCP versus HPSP

- Mainly, HPSP students receive full tuition (no cap), refund on all fees and book expenses, as well as a monthly stipend of (\$1992 per month as of 2008).
- HPSP students promote to O1 prior to medical school and generally attend summer clerkships.
- HPSP students also receive a \$20,000 sign-on bonus. However, time in program does not count as active duty time and is not credited towards retirement. Commitment length is similar to HSCP.
- The choice between HSCP and HPSP is dependent on which suits the individual better. Generally, an individual would benefit from HSCP over HPSP if the tuition is relatively low like the medical schools in Texas with tuition less than \$13k (2010 numbers).

USUSH (Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences)

The F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine is the Nation's federal school of medicine and is committed to excellence in military medicine and public health during periods of peace and war. We provide the Nation with health professionals dedicated to career service in the Department of Defense and the United States Public Health Service and with scientists who serve the common good. We serve the uniformed services and the Nation as a premier school of medicine with a worldwide perspective for education, research, service, and consultation; we are unique in relating these activities to military medicine, disaster medicine, and military medical readiness.

USHUS melds the study of basic science, the clinical practice of medicine and military leadership training to produce innovative doctors. This signature blend of education and training distinguishes USU as a leader among institutions of learning.

The USHUS motto is: "Learning to Care for Those in Harm's Way"

Basic Requirements

The School of Medicine admits promising candidates with a diverse range of skills and backgrounds. Both civilian and uniformed service personnel (individuals who are currently on active duty) are eligible for admission. Applicants must also meet the following requirements:

- Be citizens of the United States
- Be at least 18 years old at the time of matriculation **but no older than 36** as of June 30th (Applicants older than 36 years old may apply to the School of Medicine. If recommended for a position, they will need an age waiver to matriculate.)
- Meet the requirements for holding a commission in the uniformed services (Requirements for a military commission include medical standards of fitness. Each applicant's medical history is reviewed for information on illnesses, injuries, surgical procedures, congenital or familial diseases or other factors that could affect current or future physical status)
- Students must undergo a security investigation prior to entering the school as a student

Academic Requirements

Although grades are not the only criterion used in decision making, the quality of an applicant's work at the pre-professional level is of major interest to the school, and the average GPA of our incoming class is a 3.6.

- Attained a baccalaureate degree as of June 15 of the year of planned matriculation from an accredited academic institution in the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico or another American Territory. All coursework must be completed by June 1st. Waivers to this requirement will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

- Complete the following course work:

- one academic year of organic chemistry including laboratory
- one academic year of general or inorganic chemistry including laboratory. Biochemistry may be substituted for the second semester of organic chemistry.
- one semester of calculus or statistics
- one academic year of general physics including laboratory
- one academic year of biology including laboratory
- one academic year of writing intensive humanities, social science, language or psychology courses. Any combination of two semesters or three quarters' worth of classes is acceptable for this requirement

Online courses, and CLEP are not acceptable to fulfill the prerequisites. AP and IB courses for which your undergraduate institution has given you credit are acceptable for any of the courses listed above. If you have received credit for coursework through the AP or IB systems, we

strongly recommend that you take upper level coursework in the sciences and humanities to demonstrate your ability to thrive in rigorous, advanced college courses. Please see our [FAQ's](#) for more information on course requirements.

Test Requirements

Applicants must take the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) and provide scores from tests that have been taken within three years of desired matriculation. The fall MCAT is the latest testing date considered by the admissions committee for those students applying to the School of Medicine for admission the following summer. Applicants can not take the MCAT and enter the school in the same year. Arrangements must be made to have AMCAS furnish official reports. Applicants should not send personal MCAT score reports to the school. The AMCAS designator code for USU is 821.

Although test scores are just one of the indicators the admissions office uses to evaluate applicants, the MCAT is important, and the average combined score of successful applicants is 31.