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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL MPSs, A1s, J1s

FROM: HQ AFPC/DPA
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SUBJECT: Biomedical Sciences Corps (BSC) Training and Commissioning Programs

Request widest possible dissemination of this time-sensitive information in base newspapers, bulletins, Education offices, and military personnel services (MPS) home pages. AFPC Webcast will be available after 31 July 2013.

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This four part message includes information on the Army Baylor Doctor of Physical Therapy Training, the Uniform Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) PhD Clinical Psychology Training Program, the Interservice Physician Assistant Training Program and the Direct Accession program. Active Duty Air Force Officers and Enlisted are eligible for these programs. AFR and ANG members are only eligible for the PhD Clinical Psychology Program at USUHS.

PART I – ARMY BAYLOR DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY (DPT) TRAINING PROGRAM (APPLICATION SUSPENSE: 25 NOV 2013)

1. Applications are now being accepted for the Doctor in Physical Therapy (DPT) Program at the Health Science Center, Fort Sam Houston TX, beginning Oct 2014 (Application Suspense 25 Nov 2013).
2. Application Prerequisites:
 - a. Must be a U.S. Citizen.
 - b. Must meet commissioning requirements in accordance with (IAW) AFI 36-2005, *“Appointment in Commissioned Grades and Designation and Assignment in Professional Categories – Reserve of the Air Force and United States Air Force”*.
 - c. Air Force active duty member possessing a Baccalaureate degree or be in the final semester prior to receiving a degree. Note: No more than two prerequisite courses may be pending completion at the time of the selection board.

d. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) score of 1000 old format, 297 new format. Minimum score of 450 old format/150 new format in the verbal portion. GRE scores must have been completed within four years of the board date.

e. Must complete volunteer observation hours in a Physical Therapy clinic. Applicant should have a minimum of 100 observation hours in a variety of clinical settings.

f. Medically qualified for worldwide duty.

g. Minimum overall undergraduate grade point average (GPA) and required courses GPA of 3.1 on a 4.0 scale. All Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Anatomy, and Physiology courses will be factored into the applicant's prerequisite GPA.

h. Course Prerequisites for Application:

(1) Anatomy w/Lab, 3-4 Sem Hrs - Human Anatomy, Vertebrate Anatomy, Comparative Anatomy, Anatomy & Physiology I/ II

(2) Physiology w/Lab, 3-4 Sem Hrs – Human Physiology, Vertebrate Physiology, Mammalian Physiology - Anatomy & Physiology I/ II

(3) Biology w/Lab, 3-4 Sem Hrs – General Biology, Zoology, Microbiology, Exercise Physiology

(4) Physics w/Lab, 8 Sem Hrs – General Physics, Physics: Mechanical, Light, Sound; Intro to Physics

(5) Chemistry w/Lab, 8 Sem Hrs - General Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry

(6) Psychology, 6 Sem Hrs - General, Abnormal, Social, Developmental

(7) Additional Social Science, 3 Sem Hrs - Sociology, Anthropology, Philosophy

(8) Statistics, 3 Sem Hrs – Statistics, Psychological Statistics, Measurement & Analysis

i. All prerequisite courses must have been completed within ten years of the initial fall semester of the program (October 2014).

3. Interested applicants should contact AFPC Biomedical Sciences Corps Utilization and Education Branch (AFPC/DPANW) Email: afpc.DPANW@us.af.mil or call DSN 665-2775 Commercial 210-565-2775. Additional guidance including frequently asked questions (FAQs) are available on the Air Force Medical Service (AFMS) Knowledge Exchange (KX) webpage, Common Access Card (CAC) required, <https://kx.afms.mil/afbsceducation>.

PART II – UNIFORM SERVICES UNIVERSITY OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES (USUHS) PHD CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY TRAINING PROGRAM (APPLICATION SUSPENSE: 1 JAN 2014)

1. Application Prerequisites:

a. Must be a U.S. Citizen.

b. Must meet commissioning requirements IAW AFI 36-2005, “*Appointment in Commissioned Grades and Designation and Assignment in Professional Categories – Reserve of the Air Force and United States Air Force*”. Contact DPANW for approval for this long term education program.

c. GRE score of 1100 old format, 302 new format. GRE scores must have been completed within two years of the USUHS application date.

2. Applicants that meet entry requirements for attendance at USUHS will be forwarded by the USUHS Clinical Psychology program office to AFPC/DPANW for selection.

3. Interested applicants should review USUHS link

<http://www.usuhs.mil/mps/militaryprograms.html> for application details and submission. Online applications are due to the USUHS Admissions Office by 1 January 2014 for acceptance to USUHS.

**PART III – INTERSERVICE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM (IPAP)
(APPLICATION SUSPENSE: 25 JAN 2014)**

1. Applications for IPAP training beginning in Aug 2014, Jan 2015, Apr 2015, and Aug 2015 will be accepted no earlier than 1 Nov 2013 and no later than (NLT) 25 Jan 2014. The Selection Board is tentatively scheduled to convene at AFPC on 19-20 Mar 2014. Completed applications must be received by AFPC BSC/DPANW NLT 25 Jan 2014. The applicant is responsible for completing and transmitting the application to AFPC/DPANW. Include applicant name, grade, organization mailing address, office symbol, official email address, duty phone, supervisor’s name, and supervisor’s contact information with package transmission. Incomplete applications or those received after the cutoff date of 25 Jan 2014 will not meet the selection board.

2. Applications for IPAP training from AF Active Duty Officers, AFROTC Cadets, USAF Academy Cadets, and AF Active Duty Enlisted.

a. Enlisted students selected for this training will attend in an Officer Trainee status (OT) and are assigned duty and control Reporting Identifier (RI) 9T100 IAW AFI 36-2101, “*Classifying Military Personnel (Officers And Airmen)*”, and have identical promotion status as personnel entering Officer Training School or Airmen Education and Commissioning Program (OTS/AECP (Ref AFI 36-2502, “*Airman Promotion Program*”, Para 3.1.4.). Selectees in the grade of SrA (E-4) and below who have obtained the required service retainability are promoted to SSgt (E-5). Individuals selected for promotion to TSgt or above are promoted if their promotion sequence number is incremented (Pin-On) before program entry date. Individuals entering the PA Training Program (RI 9T100) prior to the Promotion Eligibility Cutoff Date (PECD) are ineligible for promotion consideration for that cycle. They will be commissioned into BSC upon successful completion of training.

b. Commissioned Officers and Cadets will be conditionally reappointed as Medical Service Corp (MSC) officers and will wear the grade as determined by their individual constructive

service credit IAW DODI 6000.13. Officers will be required to attend IPAP in the FY they are selected and will be scheduled for the August 2014 Class.

c. Accepted trainees will incur a 54 month obligation from completion for the training in addition to any remaining service obligation for scholarships or other training they may have received. Existing obligations cannot be served while in training status and will be resumed after training completion. Training obligations are served consecutively to obligations incurred prior to training.

3. Eligibility Criteria:

a. For Active Duty Enlisted personnel, the MPS must verify application submission prior to update of Assignment Availability Code (AAC) 005. Retraining applications are not required.

(1) Applicant must be on active duty in grade E-3 through E-8 with a minimum of 2 years active military service and maximum of 14 years active military service as of 1 Aug 2015. Time in service (TIS) waivers are allowed for exceptional candidates that exceed maximum TIS requirement. Exceptional candidates are delineated by superior EPRs/Academics and unit/group level awards.

(2) Must meet commissioning requirements specified in AFI 36-2005, "*Appointment in Commissioned Grades and Designation and Assignment in Professional Categories – Reserve of the Air Force and United States Air Force*", for appointment as First Lieutenant in Biomedical Sciences Corps upon graduation from Phase II.

(3) Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) or Air Force Classification Test (AFCT) minimum General score of 80 points is required. Waiver requests are allowed for a score of 75 to 79.

(4) No Selective Reenlistment Bonus commitment. Waivers allowed if applicant has served a minimum of 50% of the enlistment prior to application cutoff.

b. Active Duty Officer must be released by their Career Field Manager prior to application.

(1) Applicant must have less than 5 years TIS by 31 Aug 2015. Waiver requests are allowed for TIS up to 7 years. Applicants with more than 7 years should contact DPANW for guidance.

(2) No quality force issues on record.

c. USAFA and AFROTC Cadets must be released by the Line Officer Accessions Branch, AFPC/DPSIP prior to beginning the application process. Note: USAFA Cadets must also receive endorsement from the USAFA Health Professions Advisory Committee (HPAC) for consideration to apply to IPAP to pursue the MPAS degree.

d. Scholastic Requirements for all sources:

(1) Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores within the past 5 years are required on all applicants, including those with degrees. Minimum combined score for Critical Reading, Verbal, and Math must be 1425. A minimum score of 450 is required for each area. Waivers for

specific score values are allowed for exceptional candidates. SAT report requirement is not waivable.

(2) Sixty semester hours of transferable college credits and a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale. All courses should be completed by 25 Jan 2014. Thirty of these semester hours must be in-classroom study at an accredited college or university. Online courses are accepted as in-classroom credits. A minimum 3.0 GPA is required in the qualifying math and science courses (Algebra, Chemistry, Biology, Microbiology, and Anatomy/Physiology). Additionally, a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA is required for all math and science coursework. Minimum grade of a "C" is required for prerequisite course credit. Courses must be earned within 10 years of matriculation to the program in May 2014 to be accepted. Thirty semester hours may be met from one or more of the following:

(a) Dantes, CLEP, USAF Correspondence Courses, end-of-course test, or specific subject examination. Academic credit is allowed as recommended by the American Council on Education and acceptable to the Civilian-Affiliated University.

(b) Correspondence work, Off-Campus classroom study, or resident course programs conducted by an accredited college or university.

(c) Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) credits for in-residence technical training courses are acceptable for the in-classroom credit requirement. CCAF courses are not accepted for prerequisite coursework.

(3) Course Prerequisites for Application: (Not Waiverable)

(a) General Chemistry w/Lab, 8 Sem Hrs; Cannot CLEP this requirement.

(b) Anatomy and Physiology w/Lab, 8 Sem Hrs; Cannot CLEP this requirement.

(c) General or Human Biology w/Lab, 4 Sem Hrs; Cannot CLEP this requirement.

(d) Microbiology w/Lab, 4 Sem Hrs; Cannot CLEP this requirement.

(e) Medical Terminology, 3 Sem Hrs; Cannot CLEP this requirement.

(f) Algebra, 3 Sem Hrs; Cannot CLEP this requirement.

(g) Psychology, 3 Sem Hrs; Cannot CLEP this requirement.

(h) Social Science/Humanities, 6 Sem Hrs; May CLEP this requirement.

(i) English, 6 Sem Hrs; min 3 Sem Hrs Composition; Cannot CLEP this requirement.

(j) Due to the competitive nature and academic challenges of this program, applicants are encouraged to exceed all requirements.

(k) Quarter hours and class hours that denote single units (i.e. 1.25 or 1.0) must be converted to semester hours. For example, Chemistry I/II/III on a quarter system would be equivalent to Chemistry I/II on a semester system.

(l) Reference the Air Force Medical Services AFMS Knowledge Exchange (KX) webpage, CAC required, for academic worksheet, interview guidance, sample letter, and frequently asked questions (<https://kx.afms.mil/afbsceducation>).

e. Applicant must be physically qualified for worldwide duty with no history of emotional instability and medically qualified for commissioning IAW AFI 48-123, “*Medical Examination and Standards*”, Chap 4.

f. Applicant cannot be convicted by court-martial or received an Article 15 during the current enlistment. Applicant will need a minimum of either an Entrance National Agency Check (ENTNAC) or National Agency Check (NAC).

g. Applicant must be eligible to extend or reenlist for 6 years within 60 days prior to class start date.

h. Applicant must be a U.S. citizen.

i. If overseas, member must have DEROS on or before 1 Aug 2015 for enlisted or 1 Aug 2014 for Officer candidates.

j. Academic Evaluation – All applicants must send an Academic Worksheet - available on the BSC webpage, transcripts and SAT report to email: afpc.DPANW@us.af.mil or mailing address: AFPC/DPANW ATTN PA PGM MGR, 550 C Street West Ste 27, JBSA-Randolph TX 78150-4729 for evaluation prior to any other package processing. The Academic Evaluation can be done with student copies of the transcripts and SAT report but, “Official” copies must be received for the board application.

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PART IV – DIRECT ACCESSION

1. Application Perquisites:

a. Must be a U.S. Citizen.

b. Must meet degree eligibility criteria for commissioning appropriate for available AFSC (43A, 43T or 43E).

c. Must meet commissioning requirements IAW AFI 36-2005, “*Appointment in Commissioned Grades and Designation and Assignment in Professional Categories – Reserve of the Air Force and United States Air Force*”.

2. Interested applicants should visit the AFPC/DPANW website, CAC required, (<https://kx.afms.mil/afbscutilization>) for available specialties, board dates and application details. Contact AFPC/DPANW Workflow Email: afpc.DPANW@us.af.mil or call DSN 665-3821 Commercial 210-565-3821.

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