The US Navy Health Services Collegiate Program (HSCP)

If you plan to attend medical, dental, pharmacy, occupational therapy, podiatry, entomology, health care administration, environmental health, industrial hygiene or physician assistant school or have a masters in social work the Health Services Collegiate Program (HSCP) can provide significant financial assistance while you obtain your degree so you can concentrate on your studies. The value of this program could be well over $95,000 for a two year program or well over $196,000 during the course of a four year professional school program. After graduation, you’ll join the Navy's active duty team as a commissioned health care officer.

What are the financial benefits of this program?

- Earn over $95,000 for two years and up to over $196,000 for four year program contracts*.
- Receive the pay and benefits of an active duty person with the rank of E-6 (currently about $4600/month)*.
- Have an opportunity to be promoted to E-7 and increase your monthly pay (currently about $5000/month)*.
- Full medical and dental insurance covered.
- 30 days of vacation earned each year.
- Time in the program counts towards your retirement and pay status.

* Navy HSCP housing allowance based on graduate school location. Increased offer amounts available in areas with a higher cost of living. These numbers are based on the 2009 military pay tables and are subject to change at the discretion of congress.

What does it take to qualify for this program?

1. Be accepted to or enrolled in:
   1. An AMA or AOA school of medicine.
   2. An ADA school of dentistry.
   3. An accredited course leading to a Masters Degree as a Health Care Administrator.
   4. An accredited course leading to a Bachelors or Masters Degree in Environmental Health.
   5. An accredited course leading to a Bachelors or Masters Degree in Industrial Hygiene.
   6. An accredited course leading to a Masters Degree as a Physician Assistant.
   7. An accredited course leading to a Masters or Doctoral Degree as an Entomologist.
   8. An accredited course leading to a Bachelors or Masters Degree as an Occupational Therapist.
   9. An accredited course leading to a Masters or Doctoral Degree in Pharmacy.
11. Have a Masters Degree in Social Work from a graduate school of social work accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).
2. Be a U. S. citizen and physically qualified for commission as a Navy officer.
3. Required GPAs for acceptance to this program vary but at a minimum most require higher than a 3.0 some must be higher. Ask your recruiter for specifics. Waivers for low GPAs are not granted.
4. College accreditation requirements for these programs is VERY specific, please ask your recruiter for details about your college.

How will I become orientated as a Naval Officer?

To familiarize you with the Navy and prepare you for active duty, you’ll attend Officer Development School (ODS) at Newport, RI upon graduation and commissioning. Here is a link to the ODS website: [http://www1.netc.navy.mil/nstc/otc/ods.asp](http://www1.netc.navy.mil/nstc/otc/ods.asp)

What will my service obligation be if I am accepted into the program?

1. Be in contact with a recruiter twice monthly via phone or email while in school.
2. Visit a recruiter close to you once every two months while in school.
3. Must participate in the Physical Readiness Program every 6 months while in school.
4. Selectees will participate in the command’s urinalysis program
5. Attend ODS prior to reporting to your first permanent duty station.
6. Serve one year of active duty in a non-training status for each year of program participation (time spent in internship or the dental Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD)/General Practice Residency (GPR) does not count toward your active duty obligation), with a minimum of three years on active duty.

When to Apply

Medical and Dental Applicants: The best time to apply is the Fall before the year you plan to attend professional school. Students already in a 4 year school should apply as soon as possible for a 3, 2, or 1 year program. HSCP is awarded on a rolling basis. The application takes about 12 - 16 weeks to complete. Applications are accepted throughout the year at any time. You can apply before receiving a letter of acceptance, but you must have your letter of acceptance before you can begin receiving program benefits.

All Others: Contact your local officer recruiter as each program has specific dates and requirements that need to be met that are unique to each field of study.
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