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# Enlisted to Medical Degree Preparatory Program

Applicable to: Military

The Enlisted to Medical Degree Preparatory Program (EMDP2) offers qualified **enlisted personnel** the opportunity to complete the preparatory coursework for admission to medical school while on active duty status. **Air Reserve Component (ARC) personnel are eligible to apply.** This program is open to candidates who demonstrate integrity and are dedicated to becoming future physicians, leaders and scholars of the nation's medical force. This is a two-year program offered through the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences (USUHS) in Bethesda, MD. Program components will include post-baccalaureate pre-medical course-work, Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) preparation, clinical experience/physician shadowing, mentoring by physicians and medical students, and pre-health advising.

Air Force Personnel Center (AFPC) manages eligibility of Air Force applicants and administratively assigns selectees to USUHS. USUHS will fund tuition and all associated academic costs.

This is a structured, funded program that incurs a three (3) year obligation/active duty service commitment (ADSC) in accordance with AFI 36-2107, Active Duty Service Commitments (ADSC), Attachment 3, Rule 13. ARC members accepted into the program will be accessed onto Active Duty to meet the ADSC requirements. To accommodate this ADSC, selectees must agree and qualify for reenlistment or an extension for a period of 58 months at the start of EMDP2.

EMDP2 attendees who meet specific enrollment requirements during their first year in the program are required to apply for matriculation to USU's F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine. Members will also have the opportunity to apply to accredited US medical schools after completing the first year of the program. Members who apply to civilian medical schools must concurrently apply for the Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP). Graduates of the EMDP2 are commissioned to O-1 when transitioning to medical school. Members who attend USU will commission as active duty officers and have an additional seven-year ADSC to be served consecutively with the EMDP2 ADSC. Those attending civilian medical schools using the HPSP will commission into the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) and will have an additional four-year ADSC to be served consecutively with the EMDP2 ADSC.

**All EMDP2 applicants must be released by their respective Service prior to submitting an application to USUHS.** After thoroughly reading all of the eligibility criteria below, you may request your conditional release by using the [EMDP2 Eligibility Application](#). If eligible, AFPC/DP2NP will coordinate conditional career field release and notify member of results.

## AY21 EMDP2 Cohort 8 Military Eligibility Criteria:

- a. Enlisted service members, regardless of occupational specialty, eligible for reenlistment or extension, and qualified for worldwide assignments.
- b. Have a secret security clearance, or at a minimum a favorable adjudication of a Tier 5 investigation (formally known as an SSBI). Service members without favorable adjudication of a Tier 5 investigation are not eligible to apply. If clearance is more than 10 years old, action must be initiated to revalidate clearance prior to submitting application.
- c. Eligible for appointment as a commissioned officer. **No waivers are considered for this requirement.** Must be a US citizen (no dual-citizens); of good moral character, meet physical qualifications, and eligible for a security clearance. Members with court-martial convictions or those with history of punishment under the provisions of Article 15 of the UCMJ are ineligible to apply. Member must not have current/pending control roster action, Unfavorable Information File (UIF) or referral EPR.
- d. Completed between three and ten years of military service and achieved the grade of E-4 as of 1 January 2021. **Waivers are considered for time in service. No waivers are considered for grade.** Service members who will have less than three years of service on matriculation (1 July 2021) are not eligible to apply.
- e. Less than 34 years old on matriculation to EMDP2 (1 July 2021). **Waivers are considered for age.**
- f. Medically qualified for appointment as a commissioned officer in accordance with DoDI 6130.03. Members with an Assignment Limitation Code (ALC) C-1 may apply. Members with an ALC C-2 and C-3 are not eligible to apply. Applicants who are selected to interview will be scheduled for a commissioning physical examination that will be processed by the Department of Defense Medical Evaluation Review Board (DoDMERB).
- g. Members must have a current minimum passing score of “satisfactory” (75 or higher) on the Air Force Fitness Test (exemptions are acceptable).
- h. Members selected for deployment within the time of application and school start (1 August 2020 – 1 July 2021) are eligible to apply as long as the length of deployment does not exceed the matriculation date of 1 July 2021 to include reconstitution time upon return from TDY.
- i. Members in initial entry training are ineligible to apply. Members selected for the NCO Retraining Program (NCORP) are ineligible to apply unless released by NCORP program manager (release to apply to EMDP2 will be requested by AFPC/DP2NP).

## **AY21 EMDP2 Cohort 8 Academic Eligibility Criteria:**

- a. Completed a bachelor’s degree in any discipline at the time of application from an accredited academic institution in the US. Degree requirements must be completed no later than 30 September of application year. No waivers are considered for the education requirement.
  - (1) The degree or supplemental classes to meet eligibility criteria must include one year of college English and one semester (3 credits) of college algebra or higher level math.
  - (2) On-line degrees are acceptable contingent upon being conferred from a nationally or regionally accredited college/university within the continental US or US territories.

International bachelor's degrees are not accepted. All candidates must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited US institution, regardless of whether they have an advanced degree.

(3) Minimum cumulative undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 3.20 on a 4.00 scale (from all colleges and universities attended). All undergraduate courses taken will be used in the GPA calculations. GPA computation is completed using the traditional cumulative GPA and includes failing grades and repeat courses with passing grades. Exception: the grade for a course repeated at the same institution will replace the previous grade. Applicants who do not meet the minimum GPA requirement may qualify if they have completed an advanced degree with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2.

b. Achieve a competitive score on either the SAT or ACT, with the exam taken within the last 3 years (2018 or later). The SAT score must be at least 1200 with a minimum score of 600 in each of the two categories (math, evidenced-based reading and writing). The essay portion of the SAT is not required. The minimum required ACT score is 26. The ACT score is the average of the four subject area tests of English, Math, Reading and Science. The selection board will not super-score (i.e. taking the highest subject area tests scores from various test dates to get a new higher super-score). The writing portion of the ACT is not required.

## Additional Information

Applications are not submitted to AFPC. Additional application information can be found at [Uniformed Services University's website](#).

Please review the Frequently Asked Questions file under Related Resources. Additional questions can be referred to [AFPC.DP2NP.PhysicianEducation@us.af.mil](mailto:AFPC.DP2NP.PhysicianEducation@us.af.mil).

## Related Resources

- [PSDM 20-29](#) - (FOUO) AY2020 Selectees for Enlisted-to-Medical Degree Preparatory Program (EMDP2)
- [EMDP2 Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [ARC Enlisted Performance Summary](#)
- [AFMAN 36-2032](#), *Military Recruiting and Accessions*