

## About USU

The Uniformed Services University School of Medicine (USU) is the **Nation's Medical School** and is committed to excellence in military medicine and public health during peace and war.



USU is located on the grounds of the **Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland**. USU is a unique medical school with a focus on health promotion and disease prevention. The school has a **year-round, four-year curriculum with nearly 700 hours of military unique medical instruction**. In addition to traditional topics such as organ based health and illness, these extra hours focus on **epidemiology, tropical medicine, emerging infectious diseases, leadership and field exercises, disaster medicine** and other subjects that relate to the unique requirements of career-oriented uniformed physicians who will eventually go on to practice in all manner of specialties.



## Admission Requirements

### General

- **U.S. citizenship**
- **Medical examination**
- **Security screen**
- **Both civilians and military personnel are eligible to apply** (prior military service not mandatory) for admission. Individuals in military service must have appropriate approval prior to interview or acceptance as determined by command.
- **18-36 years old at matriculation** (waivers possible)

### Test Requirements

- **Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT)** taken within 3 years prior to desired matriculation

### Academic Requirements\*

- **Baccalaureate degree** from an accredited academic institution in the U.S., Puerto Rico, or Canada by June 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of matriculation
- One year of **General or Inorganic Chemistry with lab**
- One year of **Organic Chemistry with lab**
- One year of **Physics with lab**
- One year of **Biology with lab**
- One year of **College English**
- One semester of **Calculus**

\* **All prerequisite courses must be taken in a classroom setting.**

## Class of 2016 Profile

- 171 students
- 35% women
- 24% minority
- 68% no previous military experience
- Average MCAT: 31
- Average GPA: 3.5

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good.**



# A MEDICAL CAREER IN THE UNIFORMED SERVICES

**Welcome** to USU. Here you will find a dedication to medicine and service like no other. Our students are driven, passionate and bound together by a camaraderie only found among those in the Uniformed Services.

## A Debt-Free Education

Students attending USU can focus on their education without the worry of incurring debt. Medical students enter the University as commissioned officers in the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Public Health Service. No prior service is required for admission to USU. **Students pay no tuition or fees and receive the full salary and benefits of a uniformed officer (approximately \$57,000-60,000)** throughout their four years in exchange for a **seven-year active duty service commitment**. These benefits include **free medical care** for students and dependents and **30 days paid leave annually**. Books and laboratory equipment are provided.

Prior to matriculation, incoming students without previous military experience attend a **four-to-six week officer orientation** program where they learn about the customs and traditions of life in their respective services, as well as the responsibilities of a uniformed officer. This orientation provides students with a transition to the uniformed services. Students then proceed to USU for the beginning of their formal medical education.

**Upon graduation, students are promoted to the rank of Captain (Army/Air Force) or Lieutenant (Navy/PHS) and earn approximately \$80,000 in residency.**



## New & Exciting Changes

USU's new curriculum focuses on the theme of **'Molecules to Military Medicine'** and incorporates four conceptual pillars: the integration of basic and clinical sciences across the entire four-year program, early patient contact, adaptability to unique learning styles, and the use of advanced educational technologies.



The curriculum is divided into a 16-month pre-clerkship, 12-month core clerkship, and 17-month post-clerkship period. All of these periods incorporate **specialized instruction and training related to the unique aspects of military medicine** supplementing traditional medical school topics.

In addition, classes are graded **Honors, Pass, or Fail**. For more information on the curriculum, please visit: <http://www.usuhs.mil/curriculumreform/index.html>

## Q & A

### Will I have to go to boot camp?

No. Students who have not previously served as officers attend training during the summer before attending USU. This involves classroom lessons on service traditions, physical training, learning to march, salute, wear the uniform, and the military medical system.

### What are the physical requirements?

The services have different physical readiness requirements. You will have to pass the initial physical and complete twice yearly physical tests.

### Will I be pulled out of medical school to go to war?

No. Your job is to be a medical student.

### What about family?

The military is committed to family, and military bases have excellent childcare and family services. Military doctors have more say in where they go and what they do, so they have more career flexibility to suit their family's needs.

### How do military residencies compare to civilian programs?

Military residencies are very competitive with university-based residencies, and military residency graduates have among the highest first-time pass rates on specialty board certification exams.

