

# INVESTING IN YOUR FUTURE

### POSTGRADUATE HEALTHCARE DEGREE

The costs of earning a postgraduate healthcare degree can take years to pay off, leaving you with an unhealthy financial diagnosis. With a scholarship through the Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP), you can attend the accredited school of your choice and earn your degree in a qualifying masters or doctoral program. The HPSP currently offers three- and four-year scholarships.

# **COVERED EXPENSES**

While enrolled in the HPSP, the Air Force will pay your tuition and provide you with a living stipend. Your stipend will be paid on the first and 15th of each month.

You'll also be reimbursed for any required books, supplies and equipment. It's important that you keep good records for the school items you purchase since you'll be required to submit expense reports in order to get paid.



### MEDICAL CORPS CANDIDATES

Medical Corps HPSP candidates must be enrolled in or accepted into either a doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathic medicine program. The institution must be preliminary or fully accredited by the Liaison Committee for Medical Education of the American Medical Association or the Bureau of Professional Education of the American Osteopathic Association located within the United States or Puerto Rico. International medical schools are not authorized.

### **ACTIVE DUTY TRAINING**

You'll be placed on active-duty orders for 45 days during each year of your HPSP participation. You'll receive the same pay and benefits of an Air Force second lieutenant and you'll attend Active Duty Training (ADT) programs that last from two to five weeks in length.

ADTs include Commissioned Officer Training (COT), Aerospace Medicine Primary Course and clinical rotations. The programs are designed to help orient you in Air Force medicine.

Your first ADT will be COT at the Officer Training School located at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama. There you'll receive practical instruction and training for your role as an Air Force medical officer.

# **FULL-TIME STUDENT**

You'll attend class as a full-time student, which will allow you to concentrate and dedicate yourself to your studies. Although you won't be required to wear your uniform to class, you will be expected to meet Air Force fitness standards throughout your HPSP contract.



# **DENTAL CORPS CANDIDATES**

Dental Corps HPSP candidates must be enrolled in or accepted into either a Doctor of Dental Surgery or a Doctor of Dental Medicine program. The institution must be accredited by the American Dental Association located within the United States or Puerto Rico. International schools are not authorized.

### **IMMEDIATE START PROGRAM**

Biomedical Sciences Corps (Allied Health) and Nurse Corps applicants may be eligible for an immediate start of HPSP benefits, depending upon availability determined by the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT). Immediate Start means that AFIT will pay the entire current semester of tuition so long as officer commissioning is accomplished prior to the end of that semester. Students will receive their stipend after their commissioning.

# **HPSP ELIGIBLE SPECIALTIES**

- Physician
- Dentist
- Nurse
- Biomedical Sciences Corps

(Note: There are several specialties within the Biomedical Sciences Corps. Due to the needs of the Air Force, not all specialties are available for the HPSP. See your recruiter for up-to-date information.)

# **SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFICATIONS**

- Be a U.S. citizen (no dual citizenship)
- Have a bachelor's degree from an accredited school
- Maintain full-time student status during the scholarship program
- · Meet minimum GPA requirements
- Be in good standing at your current school
- Cannot be under any form of disciplinary action at your current school and/or the last school you attended
- Cannot be contracted to serve a state or other party upon graduation
- Be physically qualified for commissioning as an Air Force officer
- Be commissioned by age 38

### **HPSP BENEFITS**

- Three- and four-year scholarships available
- Potential signing bonuses
- Attend the accredited school of your choice
- Paid tuition, books, supplies, equipment and lab fees
- Monthly stipend for living expenses
- · Graduate debt-free





# **SERVICE COMMITMENT**

Once you graduate, you'll serve one year on active duty for each year of your scholarship — four years for a four-year scholarship or three years for a three-year scholarship. Your service commitment begins immediately after you graduate or after you complete any internship or residency training requirements.

If you're a four-year HPSP participant, you'll automatically receive a signing bonus. If you're a three-year scholar-ship participant and agree to serve a four-year active-duty service commitment, you can also receive the signing bonus.

### **CONTINUING YOUR CAREER**

During your active-duty service commitment, you'll provide healthcare to a highly diverse population of patients and you'll have access to a vast consultation network of other healthcare professionals. Our group practice concept encourages optimum patient care.

After you fulfill your service commitment, you may continue your career as an active-duty Air Force officer or you may decide to serve in the Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard while pursuing civilian career opportunities. Whatever decision you make, the Air Force is always there to support you.

# **SERVE YOUR WAY, FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME**

You can choose one of several paths that allow you to serve either full-time or part-time. No matter which path you select, you'll become a member of our total Air Force family. For more information, contact a recruiter today. Visit **WWW.AIRFORCE.COM** or call **1-800-423-USAF**.







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