

## USNA IDC Service Assignment

Unique requirements (or preferences) that define the minimum (or desired) qualifications for officers who will ultimately be assigned to the corresponding IDC officer designator are summarized below:

(1) Oceanography Community (1800) - In determining a Midshipman's fitness for commissioning as an Ensign, Surface Warfare (Ocean Option) or directly into the Restricted Line (RL) as an Ensign in the Oceanography Community, the board will give equal weight to academic performance within all academic majors equally well-performed. A major in oceanography, physics, engineering, mathematics, or other science-related field is preferred. In addition, candidates must have a minimum QPR of 2.2, and core calculus and physics sequences completed with a minimum average of C+ in order to meet the minimum academic requirements for the required curriculum at the naval Postgraduate School. Typically, only midshipmen who are not physically qualified for URL assignment will be considered for a direct RL assignment into the Oceanography Community. Character and integrity are mandatory in order to hold a position in National Security. Missteps in these areas should be scrutinized but the board should allow for some mistakes if a Midshipman has learned from his/her errors.

(2) Information Warfare Community (1810) – In determining a Midshipman's fitness for commissioning as an Ensign, Surface Warfare (IW Option) or directly into the Restricted Line as an Ensign in the IW Community, the board will give preference to a major in computer science, electrical engineering, mathematics, or other science-related field, although all majors will be considered. Otherwise, demonstrated solid performance in the technical core curriculum is required. In addition, candidates must have a minimum QPR of 2.2 for assignment into the Information Warfare Community. Language proficiency and/or related regional-expertise, electives or demonstrated interest significantly enhances desirability. Character and integrity are mandatory in order to hold a position in National Security. Missteps in these areas should be scrutinized but the board should allow for some mistakes if a Midshipman has learned from his/her errors.

(3) Information Professional (1820) Community - Information Professional (1820) Community - In determining a Midshipman's fitness for commissioning as an Ensign, Surface Warfare (IP Option) or directly into the Restricted Line as an Ensign in the IP Community, the board will give preference to Group I or II majors although all majors will be considered. A major in computer science, enrollment in computer science electives, or participation in related ECA's is considered a plus. Otherwise, demonstrated solid performance in the technical core curriculum is required. In addition, candidates must have a minimum QPR of 2.2 for assignment into the Information Professional Community. Typically, only midshipmen who are not physically qualified for URL assignment will be considered for a direct RL assignment into the Information Professional Community. Character and integrity are mandatory in order to hold a position in National Security. Missteps in these areas should be scrutinized but the board can allow for some mistakes if a Midshipman has learned from his/her errors.

(4) Intelligence (1830) Community - In determining a midshipman's fitness for commissioning as an Ensign, Surface Warfare (INTEL Option) or directly into the Restricted Line as an Ensign in the Intelligence Community, the board will give equal weight to academic performance within all academic majors equally well-performed. Academic OOM and overall OOM are not the sole factors for selection. However, candidates with strong academic performance, quantifiable leadership, foreign language capability, experience studying abroad and civic/community involvement are desired. In addition, character and integrity are mandatory in order to hold a position in National Security. Missteps in these areas should be scrutinized but the board should allow for some mistakes if a Midshipman has learned from his/her errors.