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USNA INSTRUCTION 1531.47D

From: Superintendent, U.S. Naval Academy

Subj: PREMEDICAL/PREDENTAL ADVISING AND SELECTION FOR
MEDICAL/DENTAL CORPS

Ref: (a) CNO memo to SecNav, Ser 00/300339, of 24 Aug 82 (NOTAL)
(b) CNO memo to SecNav, Ser 00/6U500017, of 22 Feb 96 (NOTAL)

1. Purpose. To establish a program that will provide information and counseling to midshipmen who are interested in a career in the Navy's Medical and Dental Corps and will provide recommendations to the Superintendent on their selection for such service.

2. Cancellation. USNAINST 1531.47C. This directive is a complete revision and should be reviewed in its entirety; no special markings appear because revisions are extensive.

3. Background

a. The premedical program at the United States Naval Academy (USNA) began in 1970 with the Class of 1974. Per reference (a), in 1982, the Secretary of the Navy, upon recommendation by the Chief of Naval Operations, established a program which would permit a limited number of highly motivated and well qualified Naval Academy graduates to participate in subsequent naval medical training. Per reference (b), in 1996, the Secretary of the Navy expanded the program to provide midshipmen with the opportunity to enter either the Medical or Dental Corps. The guidelines for this program as outlined in reference (a) and modified by reference (b) are as follows:

(1) Individuals will not be recruited to the Naval Academy for the purpose of preparing to attend medical school or dental school nor shall assurance of attending medical school or dental school upon graduation be implied. Candidates motivated solely for a career in either medicine or dentistry should be strongly advised against entering the Naval Academy.

(2) Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Manpower, Personnel, Training, and Education; DCNO (N1)) policy and the annual accession plan allows midshipmen to select Medical or Dental Corps. Currently, a maximum of 15 Naval Academy graduates from each class may be permitted to attend medical or dental school directly after graduation. Candidates are chosen according to established criteria of merit and motivation for career medical or dental service in

the United States Navy, including qualification and acceptance by the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) or any accredited school of medicine, osteopathy, or dentistry in the United States.

(3) No special curriculum will be established to support this program.

(4) Service obligation for either medical or dental school will be in addition to the service obligation for USNA. The total obligation for USNA and either medical or dental school will be served following medical or dental school graduation. Normally, the obligation for attending USUHS is 7 years; and the obligation for attending a civilian medical or dental school under Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program sponsorship is 4 years.

(5) This program will not be used as a precedent to establish other similar programs leading to initial duty in the Restricted Line or Staff Corps.

b. During the period 1974 to 2021, approximately 450 midshipmen went directly to medical and dental schools after graduating from USNA. Temporary duty at the Naval Academy or elsewhere for the purpose of preparing for medical or dental school has been discontinued.

c. Medical or dental school requirements not offered in the core curriculum at the Naval Academy are 1 year each of biology and organic chemistry. However, many medical and dental schools have additional prerequisite requirements. Midshipmen from many academic majors have been selected for the Medical and Dental Corps billets. It is the responsibility of each applicant to work with their academic adviser to ensure all medical and dental school requirements are met in a timely manner.

d. The allocation of 15 billets was modified by reference (b) to allow any of these for assignment to the Dental Corps. There being no dental equivalent to USUHS, candidates for the Dental Corps must seek and obtain entry to civilian dental schools.

4. Action. There shall be a committee, called the Premedical and Predental Advising Committee (PPAC), which will provide information and counseling to midshipmen interested in Navy medicine or dentistry and will provide the Superintendent with its recommendations concerning selection of midshipmen for the Medical Corps and the Dental Corps.

a. Membership. The PPAC shall consist of six members: The Naval Academy Premedical/Predental Adviser, who will serve as chair; the Associate Provost for Academic Affairs; a Medical Corps Officer; a Dental Corps Officer; one faculty member from the Chemistry Department; and a line officer. The faculty member and Premedical Adviser will be appointed by the Academic Dean and Provost, and the line officer will be appointed by the Commandant. Members of the PPAC appointed by either the Academic Dean and Provost or the Commandant will serve 2-year reappointable terms.

b. Advising. Each year the PPAC will provide information to all interested midshipmen concerning preparation for and selection to the Medical Corps or Dental Corps. Fourth class midshipmen will be advised during briefings for majors selections about the availability of

Medical and Dental Corps billets. At least one member of the PPAC will advise those midshipmen of the second and first classes who have declared their intentions to seek selection for the Medical or Dental Corps. The PPAC will assist midshipmen in preparing applications to medical or dental schools.

5. Eligibility. Candidates for the Premedical/Predental program will be held to high standards. When considering candidates for the Medical/Dental Corps billets, the Premedical Predental Advising Committee will consider the candidate's entire record, including their academic, aptitude for commissioning, conduct and honor records.

a. Academic. A Cumulative Quality Point Rating (CQPR) of 3.2 or higher and satisfactory completion of prerequisite course requirements for the program requested. The 3.2 CQPR must be maintained through first class year. The CQPR average for the midshipmen approved for the Medical/Dental Corps billets during the period 1999-2021 is 3.82.

b. Aptitude for Commission. No Aptitude for Commissioning grade lower than "C" in each semester of second class and first class years.

c. Conduct. No grade in conduct lower than "B" in each semester of second class and first class years.

d. Admissions Test: Applicants must take the appropriate admissions test, either the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) or Dental Admission Test (DAT), prior to the date set annually by the PPAC. This date is typically in early-July of the applicant's 1/C summer.

e. Requests for deviation from established criteria are strongly discouraged. Waivers of eligibility requirements under unusual circumstances will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the PPAC.

6. Medical or Dental Corps Selection. Midshipmen second class who wish to be considered for selection to the Medical or Dental Corps shall submit their formal application prior to the due date set annually by the PPAC. This due date is typically in early-April. The PPAC will interview and evaluate the applicants. Criteria to be used by the PPAC in making its recommendation are aptitude and motivation for a career in Navy medicine or dentistry, academic performance, Medical or Dental College Admission Test scores from tests taken in the spring of second class year or earlier, aptitude and conduct record, and (if available) acceptance to a medical or dental school. The PPAC will adhere to high standards and is under no obligation to fill all of the Medical/Dental Corps billets. No later than 15 September, the PPAC will make its recommendations concerning Medical and Dental Corps selection of first class midshipmen to the Superintendent via the Academic Dean and Provost, Chairman, Department of Officer Accessions and Talent Optimization, and the Commandant. Midshipmen not approved by the Superintendent may not enter the Medical or Dental Corps nor may they attend any medical or dental school directly after graduation even if they are accepted by such a school. Midshipmen who have not been selected by a medical or dental school by 10 May will be assigned to an Unrestricted Line community where billets are still available if they are physically qualified or to a Restricted Line or Staff Corps community where billets are still available if not

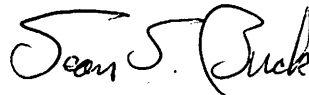
physically qualified for commissioning in the Unrestricted Line. Midshipmen will be allowed to express a community preference during the reassignment process.

7. Records Management

a. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of format or media, must be maintained and dispositioned per the records disposition schedules located on the DON Assistant for Administration, Directives and Records Management Division portal page at <https://portal.secnav.navy.mil/orgs/DUSNM/DONAA/DRM/Records-and-InformationManagement/Approved%20Record%20Schedules/Forms/AllItems.aspx>.

b. For questions concerning the management of records related to this instruction or the records disposition schedules, please contact your local record custodian or the USNA Records Manager.

8. Review and Effective Date. Per OPNAVINST 5215.17A, the Associate Provost for Academic Affairs will review this instruction annually on the anniversary of its effective date to ensure applicability, currency, and consistency with Federal, DoD, SECNAV, and Navy policy and statutory authority using OPNAV 5215/40 Review of Instruction.



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