

SUMMARY OF ENLISTED COMMISSIONING PROGRAMS

PROGRAM	Airman Education and Commissioning Program (AECP)	Scholarships for Outstanding Airmen to ROTC (SOAR)	Airman Scholarship and Commissioning Program (ASCP)	Professional Officers Course Early Release Program 2YR (POC-ERP)**	Officer Training School (OTS)	Air Force Academy/ Prep School	Medical Service Corps (MSC) *	Physician Assistant Program (PA) *
Stay on Active Duty?	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Scholarship Funding	Yes \$15,000 annual cap (includes summer school) and member receives active duty pay	Yes Type 1 (uncapped) and Type 2 (\$15,000 cap)	Yes Type 2 (\$15,000 cap)	Two-yr: No May be eligible for POC Incentive (\$3,450 annually) if have 2.0 min GPA and meet age requirement	No - member receives active duty pay	Full scholarship	No – receive active duty pay	No – receive active duty pay
Stipend	No - receive active duty pay	Yes \$250-400 per mo	Yes \$250-400 per mo	Yes \$300-400 per mo	No	Yes. Varies	No	No
Textbooks	Annual Flat Rate	Annual Flat Rate	Annual Flat Rate	No	N/A	Paid	N/A	Provided by AF
Age	-Under 30 by the board date -Must be commissioned by age 35	Must be commissioned by age 31 (see note 1)	Must be commissioned by age 31 (see note 1)	Must be commissioned by age 35; To receive scholarship or POCI, must be commissioned by age 27 (see note 1)	Must be commissioned by age 35 -Rated: Must be under 28 by board conv date	At least 17 but under 23 by 1 July of entry year / At least 17 but under 22 by 1 July of entry year	Must be commissioned by age 40	Must be commissioned by age 35 (after completion of Phase II)
ROTC Participation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
GPA Requirement	3.0 Nursing 3.0 Foreign Lang / Area Studies 2.75 Technical	2.5 and at least 24 semester hrs of graded college work or 2.5 high school and SAT or ACT minimums	2.5 and at least 24 semester hrs of graded college work or 2.5 high school and min SAT or ACT scores; Prehealth requires higher	2.5	***NO GPA MINIMUM***	2.70 high school or top 40% of class	3.5	2.5 in 60 semester hours of specific courses
Academic Majors	Computer science, math, physics, meteorology, & HQAFROTC approved ABET accredited engineering majors; Nursing Foreign Languages Foreign Area Studies Prerequisite courses required for this program	Any Academic Major Technical Preferred	Any Academic Major Technical Preferred	Any Major	-Rated board: Any Major -Non-Rated board Technical(see guide)/any major -Must already have Bachelor degree or within 12 months of completing.	30 majors related to Air Force career fields	Grad degree in health care admin, hospital admin, public admin, bus admin or mgt & info systems mgt or U/G degree in health care admin, hospital admin, bus admin or mgt, econ, marketing, computer science	Specific courses required as prerequisites for this program. Students attend Tri-Service School at Ft Sam Houston and awarded degree through Univ of Nebraska
Length of Training	2 to 3 years	2 to 4 years	2 to 4 years	Exactly 2 years or 1year	Aprpx. 12 weeks	AFA is 4 years Prep school is 1 year + AFA	4 week COT & 11 week Health Svc Admin Course	Phase I (54 wks), Phase II (53 wks) plus COT
Application Deadlines	-15 Jan to Ed Ctr -15 Feb to HQ AFROTC	15 Sep (PACAF) 15 Oct each yr to MAJCOM or FOA Due to Education Office 15 Aug	15 Oct each year to HQ ROTC Due to Education Office 15 Sep	15 Oct each year Due to Education Office 15 Sep	2009 board dates 23-27 Feb/NR 13-17 Apr/Rated 17-21 Aug/NR 19-23 Oct/Rated NR-Non Rated	31 Jan -AF Fm 1786 -ACT or SAT score -CC Ltr of Recommend	October Can apply only twice in a lifetime	Jan

Note 1: Enlisted members may receive up to 3 additional years credit to adjust the maximum age to 30.

Air Force active duty enlisted personnel may apply for a commission through the programs managed by AFROTC, OTS, the Academy, MSC or NECP (Nurse Enlisted Commissioning Program). The Education Center is the first point of contact for detailed information as they can best provide the one-on-one counseling and individual requirements. Airmen who desire more information about the enlisted commissioning programs can also view the web pages listed below. All OTS and ROTC (i.e., AECP, SOAR, ASCP, & POC-ERP) applications must be processed through the Education Center. Please call 634-1500, Opt 1 if you have any questions.

* The Education Center is not the POC for the NECP, MSC and PA programs. Advisors can provide you basic information.

** POC One-Year Early Release Program is not always available.

***Non-rated: Tech/Non-technical/TDSP applicants-Requires 150 Composite Score on AFOQT (AA, V, Q), if GPA is under 3.0

WEB SITES:

AECP/SOAR/ASCP/POC-ERP: <http://www.au.af.mil/au/holmcenter/AFROTC/index.asp>

AF Academy and Prep School: <http://www.usafa.af.mil>

OTS: <https://www.my.af.mil/gcss-af/USAF/ep/browse.do?categoryId=-2191492&parentCategoryId=-1611609&channelPageId=-1537972>

NECP: <https://kx.afms.mil/kxweb/dotmil/kj.do?sessionId=79AE5664E38E73B2C9B76196A3E4284F?functionalArea=AFNurseEducation>

MSC/PA: <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil> - Medical Officer Info – Medical Svc Corps (MSC) - Biomedical Sciences Corps (BSC)

Commissioned Officer Training (COT), educational requirements for officer's AFSC & Frequently Asked Questions

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