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**Title  
FY 2016 INTERSERVICE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT TRAINING PROGRAM  
APPLICATION**

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- A. AR 40-501, STANDARDS OF MEDICAL FITNESS, DATED 15 DEC 2007 (RAR 003, 04 AUG 2011).
  - B. AR 601-20, THE INTERSERVICE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT TRAINING PROGRAM, DATED 14 AUG 2009.
  - C. AR 600-9, THE ARMY WEIGHT CONTROL PROGRAM, DATED 28 JUN 2013.
  - D. DODI 6000.13 MEDICAL MANPOWER AND PERSONNEL, DATED 30 JUN 1997.
  - E. AR 135-100, APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONED AND WARRANT OFFICERS OF THE ARMY, DATED 01 SEP 1994.
  - F. AR 135-101, APPOINTMENT OF RESERVE COMMISSIONED OFFICERS FOR ASSIGNMENT TO ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT BRANCHES, DATED 15 FEB 1984.
  - G. AR 601-100, APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONED AND WARRANT OFFICERS IN THE REGULAR ARMY, DATED 21 NOV 2006.
  - H. AR 670-1, WEAR AND APPEARANCE OF ARMY UNIFORMS AND INSIGNIA, DATED 10 APR 2015.
1. THIS MILPER MESSAGE WILL EXPIRE NLT 19 AUG 2017.
  2. PURPOSE: THIS MESSAGE IS THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2016 ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE INTERSERVICE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM (IPAP) BOARD AND SOLICITS APPLICATIONS FROM REGULAR ARMY (RA) AND UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE COMPONENT (USAR), FOR ENLISTED, COMMISSIONED OFFICERS, AND WARRANT OFFICERS.
    - A. THIS MESSAGE SOLICITS APPLICATIONS FOR IPAP CLASSES TO START IN JAN, APR, AND AUG 2017 AT THE AMEDD CENTER AND SCHOOL LOCATED AT JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO - FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS. APPLICATIONS FOR THE REQUIREMENTS COMPLETION COURSE (RCC) WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR THE FY 2016 BOARD FOR FY 2019-2020 ACCESSION.
    - B. ENLISTED STUDENTS SELECTED FOR THIS TRAINING WILL ATTEND IN AN OFFICER CANDIDATE STATUS AND WILL BE ACCESSED INTO THE ARMY MEDICAL SPECIALIST CORPS (SP CORPS) AS COMMISSIONED OFFICERS UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE

## TRAINING.

C. ALL ENLISTED APPLICANTS MUST HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE WARRIOR LEADERSHIP COURSE (WLC) PRIOR TO THE START OF IPAP.

D. WARRANT OFFICER STUDENTS SELECTED FOR THIS TRAINING WILL ATTEND IN THEIR CURRENT WARRANT OFFICER GRADE AND WILL BE ACCESSED INTO THE SP CORPS AS COMMISSIONED OFFICERS UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE TRAINING.

E. COMMISSIONED OFFICER STUDENTS SELECTED FOR THIS TRAINING WILL REPORT WITH THEIR CURRENT RANK HELD (REF. E. (3))

F. APPLICATIONS FROM OTHER SERVICES FOR REGULAR ARMY SEATS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR THE FY 2016 BOARD.

G. ROTC CADETS WHILE IN CADET STATUS ARE NO LONGER ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR IPAP.

H. ARMY PERSONNEL SELECTED FOR THE IPAP ARE EXEMPT FROM STOP LOSS, STOP MOVEMENT, AND LIFE CYCLE UNIT REQUIREMENTS. (AR 601-20 2-2 E.)

I. CIVILIAN PERSONNEL ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR IPAP.

### 3. RESPONSIBILITIES: (CLARIFICATION TO AR 601-20 1-4)

ADDITION TO AR 601-20 1-4 D. UNIT COMMANDERS AND IMMEDIATE SUPERVISORS WILL INTERVIEW AND PROVIDE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS ON APPLICANTS UNDER THEIR CONTROL AND/OR SUPERVISION. RECOMMENDING PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT (PA) WILL INTERVIEW AND PROVIDE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS ON APPLICANTS UNDER THEIR CONTROL AND/OR SUPERVISION. PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT RECOMMENDATIONS MUST USE USAREC FORM 601-37.11 (OLD-USAREC FORM 195) AND INCLUDE AT LEAST 80 HOURS OF SHADOWING. APPLICANTS WITHOUT A UNIT PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT MAY REQUEST APPROVAL FOR 80 SHADOWING HOURS WITH A HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL OTHER THAN A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BY EMAIL THRU THE IPAP PROGRAM MANAGER TO THE PA CONSULTANT TO THE SURGEON GENERAL.

### 4. PROGRAM INFORMATION

#### A. INELIGIBILITY (CLARIFICATION TO AR 601-20 2-1)

(1) UPDATE TO AR 601-20 2-1(3) (1): APPLICANTS WITH OVER 13 YEARS TOTAL ACTIVE FEDERAL SERVICE AS OF 01 JAN 2017 ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY. OFFICERS WITH MORE THAN FIVE YEARS ACTIVE FEDERAL COMMISSIONED SERVICE AS OF 01 JAN 2017 MUST REQUEST A TIS WAIVER TO BOARD. COMMISSIONED OFFICERS WITH OVER 7 YEARS OF ACTIVE FEDERAL COMMISSIONED SERVICE AS OF 01 JAN 2017 ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY.

(2) CLARIFICATION TO AR 601-20 2-13(B): ENLISTED APPLICANTS ONLY: PER 10 U.S.C. SUBSECTION 532(A)(2) AND AR 601-100 PAR.1-9 AN ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT AS A COMMISSIONED OFFICER IN THE RA MUST OCCUR PRIOR TO AGE 42. FOR THE USAR, AN ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT AS A COMMISSIONED OFFICER MUST OCCUR PRIOR TO THE AGE OF 47. IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE FOR AN ACTIVE DUTY IPAP SEAT, YOU WILL HAVE

TO BE UNDER THE AGE OF 42 AS OF 07 JUN 2019.

(3) CHANGE TO AR 601-20 2-1.B: ALL APPLICANTS WITH P2 PROFILE (EXCEPT HEARING AND EYES) ARE INELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR IPAP. (AN EXCEPTION TO BOARD MAY BE REQUESTED FROM THE PA CONSULTANT TO THE OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL THRU THE IPAP PROGRAM MANAGER AT FORT KNOX KY.)

(4) CLARIFICATION TO AR 601-20 2-1.B.: APPLICANTS WITH A TEMPORARY PROFILE ARE INELIGIBLE TO BOARD. (AN EXCEPTION TO BOARD MAY BE REQUESTED FROM THE PA CONSULTANT TO THE OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL THRU THE IPAP PROGRAM MANAGER AT FORT KNOX KY.)

B. BASIC PREREQUISITES: UPDATE TO AR 601-20 ARE FOUND AT [HTTP://WWW.USAREC.ARMY.MIL/ARMYPA/](http://www.usarec.army.mil/armypa/).

(1) CHANGE TO AR 601-20 2-2.A: DUE TO THE CRITICAL SKILLS WAR TIME SHORTAGE OF 65D IN THE USAR, SOLDIERS IN THOSE COMPONENTS CAN ONLY APPLY FOR THEIR CURRENT COMPONENTS IPAP SEATS.

(2) APPLICANTS MUST HAVE A MINIMUM CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) OF 2.75 AND A MINIMUM GPA OF 2.75 FOR ALL SCIENCE COURSES.

(3) APPLICANTS MANDATORY SCIENCE COURSES (ANATOMY, PHYSIOLOGY, AND CHEMISTRY) MUST HAVE BEEN PERFORMED WITHIN 8 YEARS OF THE START OF IPAP. CREDIT FOR MOS-RELATED TRAINING FOR 68K (LAB TECHNICIANS), 18D (SPECIAL FORCES MEDICS), AND 68WM6/68C (LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES) MUST HAVE COMPLETED THEIR TRAINING WITHIN 8 YEARS OF IPAP TO BE ACCEPTED.

(4) APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE THE ONLINE IPAP REGISTRATION THROUGH UNICAS, AT [IPAP.LIAISONCAS.COM](http://IPAP.LIAISONCAS.COM). ONLINE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE OPEN FROM 15 OCT 2015 THROUGH 1 MAR 2016. THE ONLINE REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY FOR ALL INTERESTED APPLICANTS.

(5) APPLICANTS MUST INCLUDE A COPY OF THEIR OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS WITH THEIR COMPLETED PACKET TO USAREC.

(6) STUDENTS SELECTED FOR IPAP ARE EXPECTED TO BRING A COPY OF ALL TRANSCRIPTS WITH THEM TO IPAP.

(7) THE MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY COURSE MUST BE COMPLETED WITHIN 5 YEARS OF REPORTING TO IPAP BY EITHER TAKING THE MILITARY CORESPONDENCE COURSE, A COLLEGE CLASS, OR MOS TRAINING.

(8) WAIVERS ARE PROCESSED AND FORWARDED FOR THE APPROPRIATE ACTION THROUGH THE IPAP PROGRAM MANAGER (PREBOARD AND THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRETY OF THE IPAP PROGRAM) IAW AR 601-100, AR 135-100, AR135-101, AR 40-501, AND LOCAL USAREC POLICY TO ENSURE THAT SOLDIERS REMAIN ELIGIBLE FOR APPOINTMENT AS A COMMISSIONED OFFICER.

(9) PACKETS WILL NOT BOARD WITHOUT AN APPROVED CONDITIONAL RELEASE. APPLICANTS MUST MAINTAIN COMMAND AND BRANCH SUPPORT FOR ATTENDING IPAP, IN THE FORM OF AN APPROVED CONDITIONAL RELEASE THROUGHOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS TO INCLUDE PREMATRICULATION INTO IPAP (NON-WAIVERABLE ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENT).

FAILURE TO MAINTAIN COMMAND SUPPORT WILL RESULT IN REMOVAL FROM THE SELECTION LIST AND FROM THE OML.

(10) COPIES OF SAT SCORES MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE USAREC APPLICATION (COMMANDER, HQ USAREC ATTN: RCHS-SVD-PA, 1307 THIRD AVE, FT KNOX, 40121-2726). SAT SCORES MAY BE SENT DIRECTLY TO USAREC, BY INCLUDING CODE '3994' ON YOUR SAT SCANTRON DOCUMENT, AND MAY BE SUBMITTED AS SOON AS 1 OCT 2015, BUT NLT 1 MAR 2016 (NO EXCEPTIONS).

C. ACADEMIC DELAY VERSUS THE REQUIREMENTS COMPLETION COURSE: UPDATE TO AR 601-20 ARE FOUND AT [HTTP://WWW.USAREC.ARMY.MIL/ARMYPA/](http://www.usarec.army.mil/armypa/)

(1) THE REQUIREMENTS COMPLETION COURSE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR THE FY 2016 BOARD FOR FY 2018-2019 ACCESSION.

D. APPLICATION DEADLINES: UPDATE TO AR 601-20 ARE FOUND AT [HTTP://WWW.USAREC.ARMY.MIL/ARMYPA/](http://www.usarec.army.mil/armypa/)

(1) PACKETS MUST BE COMPLETE AND PROVIDED TO HQ, USAREC NO LATER THAN 1 MARCH OF THE APPLICATION YEAR, OR THEY WILL NOT BE PROCESSED. APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE RETURNED TO THE ORIGINATOR. DO NOT STAPLE OR BIND APPLICATION DOCUMENTS. DO NOT PLACE IN BINDERS OR COVER SHEETS. PLACE ALL DOCUMENTS IN SEQUENCE AND PLACE IN A 2 POCKET FOLDER.

E. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND SERVICE OBLIGATION

(1) UPDATE TO AR 601-20 2-4B (1): DIDACTIC (INSTRUCTIONAL) INSTRUCTION (PHASE 1) WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE AMEDD CENTER AND SCHOOL FOR A PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY 64 WEEKS.

(2) UPDATE TO AR 601-20 2-4B (2): APPLICATORY (CLINICAL) TRAINING (PHASE 2) WILL OCCUR AT SELECTED ARMY MILITARY TREATMENT FACILITIES FOR A PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY 52 WEEKS.

(3) CLARIFICATION TO AR 601-20 2-4 D (4): COMMISSIONED OFFICERS WILL ATTEND IPAP IN THEIR CURRENT OFFICER GRADE HELD, AND WILL BE 'DETAILED' INTO THE SP. UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF PHASE 2 TRAINING, AN ELIGIBLE GRADUATE MAY BE TENDERED A RA OR USAR (DEPENDING ON COMPONENT IPAP SEAT) APPOINTMENT AS A COMMISSIONED OFFICER IN THE SP, WITH THEIR RANK DETERMINED BY THEIR INDIVIDUAL CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE CREDIT CALCULATED IAW DODI 6000.13, MEDICAL MANPOWER AND PERSONNEL, PARAGRAPH 6.1.1.2, AND POLICY ESTABLISHED BY THE OTSG.

(4) UPDATE TO AR 601-20 3-1E (3) THE BASIC APPLICATION MEMORANDUM FOR COMMISSIONED OFFICERS WILL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ADJUSTMENTS, "I UNDERSTAND THAT UPON SUCCESSFUL GRADUATION FROM THIS PROGRAM AND MEETING ALL REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS, I WILL BE APPOINTED AS A REGULAR ARMY COMMISSIONED OFFICER AND AWARDED THE AOC 65D. APPOINTMENT AS A COMMISSIONED OFFICER IN THE SP, WITH AN AOC 65D, WILL NOT BE TENDERED UNTIL SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF PHASE 2 TRAINING."

(5) UPDATE TO AR 601-20 4-1C: COMMISSIONED OFFICERS WILL REPORT WITH THEIR CURRENT RANK HELD.

(6) COMMISSIONED OFFICERS, WHILE ATTENDING IPAP, WILL BE ASSIGNED TO B COMPANY 187TH MEDICAL BATTALION FOR COMMAND AND CONTROL DURING THIS PERIOD OF TRAINING. THEY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR IN/OUT PROCESSING, PERSONAL FINANCES, UCMJ AUTHORITY, ACADEMIC TRACKING, AND ENFORCEMENT OF PROGRAM POLICY.

(7) OFFICERS WILL BE UNDER THE CONTROL OF THEIR BASIC BRANCH FOR PROMOTIONS AND CAREER STATUS INTEGRATION WHILE ATTENDING IPAP.

(8) ALL REGULAR ARMY IPAP STUDENTS WILL INCUR A 54 MONTH OBLIGATION FOR THE TRAINING.

(9) UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVISTS WILL HAVE A TOTAL OF AN EIGHT YEAR OBLIGATION FOR THE IPAP TRAINING: THE SELECTIVE RESERVE OBLIGATION OF SIX YEARS AND AN IRR OBLIGATION OF TWO YEARS.

(10) APPLICATION: BASIC APPLICATION GUIDELINES ARE FOUND AT [HTTP://WWW.USAREC.ARMY.MIL/ARMYPA/](http://www.usarec.army.mil/armypa/)

#### F. MILESTONES IN PROCESSING APPLICATIONS

(1) EFFECTIVE UPON PUBLICATION OF THIS MESSAGE, APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED IF POSTMARKED BY 1 MAR 2016. NOTE: THE SAT RESULTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY USAREC (RCHS-SVD-SP) NLT 1 MAR 2016 AND ALL PACKETS MUST HAVE A COPY OF THE SAT RESULTS IN THE PACKET PRIOR TO BEING CERTIFIED BY THE PSB, S1, OR COMMANDER.

(2) APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE THE ONLINE IPAP REGISTRATION THROUGH UNICAS, AT IPAP.LIAISONCAS.COM. ONLINE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE OPEN FROM 15 OCT 2015 THROUGH 1 MAR 2016. THE ONLINE REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY FOR ALL INTERESTED APPLICANTS.

(3) SELECTIONS WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY USAREC (RCHS-SVD) VIA A WORLDWIDE MILPER MESSAGE AFTER JUL 2016. THIS LINK CAN BE FOUND VIA ARMY KNOWLEDGE ONLINE. IT IS LOCATED ON THE HOME WEBSITE OF HUMAN RESOURCE COMMAND (HRC) - FORT KNOX, KY. [HTTPS://WWW.HRC.ARMY.MIL/MILPER/](https://www.hrc.army.mil/milper/).

#### 5. INQUIRIES AND ASSISTANCE:

FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE, CONTACT THE IPAP PROGRAM MANAGER, COMMANDER, USAREC (RCHS-SVD-PA), 1307 THIRD AVENUE, FORT KNOX, KY 40121-2726. 1-800-223-3737 EXT. 60386; COMMERCIAL (502) 626-0386 OR DSN: 536-0386, EMAIL: [RAMON.S.BRADSHAW.MIL@MAIL.MIL](mailto:RAMON.S.BRADSHAW.MIL@MAIL.MIL) OR VISIT [WWW.USAREC.ARMY.MIL/ARMYPA](http://www.usarec.army.mil/armypa).