

AMEDD Recruiting Bulletin

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Welcome to the Health Services News Bulletin. This bulletin will be published quarterly and highlight areas where there is a shortage in filling school seats.

ADDITIONAL SKILL IDENTIFIER TRAINING

91W ASI Training

The 91W ASI courses are open to SPC non promotable and below. All soldiers applying for 91W ASI training must have a ST of 105, a GT of 110 and a physical profile of 111121. Soldiers must also be NREMT-Basic certified prior to requesting training. A copy of the certification must be included in all requests for training. Soldiers will not be pregnant. **REQUESTS FOR WAIVERS OF ST/GT SCORES AND RANK WILL BE CONSIDERED ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS. EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO GRANT WAIVERS TO FILL TRAINING SEATS.**

Practical Nurse (ASI M6)



The U.S. Army offers a resident training program for the ASI 300-91WM6. During the 52 week program, the student acquires the knowledge, skills, and competencies necessary to function as an entry-level Practical Nurse in peacetime and during mobilization. The

Practical Nurse Course will prepare selected enlisted personnel to provide entry level practical nursing support during the delivery of medical and nursing care to patients and to function as licensed professionals in a variety of military settings. The M6 Additional Skill Identifier is awarded upon successful completion of course requirements. During the course, students will be required to maintain physical readiness in order to pass the Army Physical Readiness Test which is administered toward the end of each phase. Phase 1 is six weeks long and is conducted at the Army Medical Department Center and School. This phase introduces basic anatomy and physiology, microbiology, nutrition, basic pharmacology, and the role of the practical nurse. Training continues for 46 weeks at one of four phase 2 sites at MEDCENS located across the country. The phase 2 portion includes nursing fundamentals, documentation of the nursing process and pharmacology II. It also covers the cardiovascular system, respiratory system, musculoskeletal system, gastrointestinal system, nervous system, GU system, reproduction system, pediatrics, obstetrics, newborn, mental health and basic nursing skills in a field environment. It is highly encouraged for students who are not well prepared in basic math skills to make every effort to improve their abilities in this area prior to starting the course. Becoming a Licensed Practical Nurse is a challenge and quite demanding, however, it is a rewarding experience for those who meet the challenge and successfully complete the program. For many, completing the course will be the beginning of an exciting career in nursing or a stepping-stone to launch a career in another health related field. We are currently scheduling for Feb 02 and later classes. Soldiers must be able to complete the 52-week course and the 36 months service remaining requirement

without hitting their retention control point. Soldiers who do not hold MOS 91B/W, must apply through Reenlistment or Reclassification and if approved, will be scheduled to attend the 91W course prior to M6 training.

Occupational Therapy (ASI N3)

This course is designed to meet the standards of program approval established by the American Occupational Therapy Association. Graduates of this program are eligible to sit for national certification examination and qualify for the designation, Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant. Certification and licensure are mechanisms separate and unrelated to graduation. Phase 1 consists of 17 weeks of general knowledge of physical and behavioral sciences; a working knowledge of the principles, concepts, and skills utilized to assist the occupational therapist in the implementation of remedial health maintenance and prevention programs for psychiatric as well as physical disability patients. Phase 2 consists of 12 weeks of on-the-job experience in occupational therapy skills and procedures in clinical settings. Upon satisfactory completion of the 303-N3 training, students are awarded the additional skill identifier of N3. We are currently scheduling for Apr 02 and later.

Physical Therapy (ASI N9)



The course is comprised of a Phase I and a Phase II portion. The

seventeen-week Phase I will be held at the Army Medical Department Center and School. Phase II is a ten-week clinical portion to be completed at various military hospitals around the country. Your time during phase 1 will be spent in the classroom, modality labs, cadaver labs, BAMC Physical Therapy Clinic, ISR Physical Therapy Clinic, and the Camp Bullis DEPMED Training Facility. You will receive lecture, demonstration, and hands on application in the following areas: Introduction to Physical Therapy, Anatomy and Physiology, Rehabilitation Methods, Medical Lectures, Physical Therapy Procedures, and Psychology. You will be required to complete a written research project and give an oral presentation. Phase 2 will be spent in a clinical setting working under the direct supervision of a Physical Therapist. You will actively participate in patient care and will be exposed to all aspects of such in a physical therapy setting. Here you will again be required to complete a staff in-service and a case study. Upon successful completion of Phase II you will graduate and be awarded the ASI N9. This course will challenge all students regardless of background. Prospective students should review basic Anatomy and Physiology prior to arrival. Areas of emphasis should be in basic terminology, nervous system, cardiovascular system, respiratory system, osteology (bones), and muscular system (muscle origin, insertion, action, and innervation). We are scheduling for Apr 02 and later.

Orthopedic Specialist (ASI P1)



The 304-P1 Course provides students with a general knowledge of anatomy and physiology, medical terminology, and the care and handling of orthopedic patients. Students assist in the management and operations of the orthopedic clinic and in the treatment and care of patients with orthopedic conditions and injuries, under the supervision of

an orthopedic surgeon, orthopedic physician assistant, or a podiatrist. Students assist in minor surgery; fabricate, modify, and remove casts and splints; perform traction procedures; and provide education on proper care and use of orthopedic appliances, soft goods, equipment and materials. Phase I consists of six weeks of training at the Army Medical Department Center and School. Phase II consists of six weeks of clinical practice that is taught at various MEDCENS located through out the country. The total course length is twelve weeks. We are scheduling for Jan 02 and later and are particularly interested in soldiers who can attend the Jan 02 class.

ENT Specialty (ASI P2)



The ear, nose and throat (ENT) course is 13 weeks. Phase one is conducted at the Army Medical Department Center and School. The 6-week phase 1 covers anatomy and physiology of ear, nose and throat pathological conditions. It also covers ENT equipment, diagnostic and audiometric testing. Other subjects covered include hearing conservation, minor surgery, pharmacology, assisting medical doctors, sterilization, administration, medical emergencies and history taking. Phase 2 is seven weeks and consists of on-the-job training in a clinical setting. It is taught at MEDCENS located through out the country. We are scheduling for Mar 02 and later.

Eye Specialty (ASI P3)

The Eye Specialty course is a 13-week course. Phase 1 is taught at the Army Medical Department Center and School. This phase is six weeks and provides a working knowledge of subjects necessary to provide full assistance to ophthalmologists and optometrists in military eye clinics. Didactic study includes: terminology, anatomy and physiology of the eye, pathological

conditions, vision and diagnostic testing, sterilization of eye equipment and instruments, optical procedures, minor surgery and history taking. Students also learn administrative procedures, assisting medical doctors, management of supplies, and the ordering and safeguarding of medical records. Phase 2 is seven weeks and is taught at MEDCENS located through out the country. This phase is on-the-job training in the clinical environment. We are booking for Jan 02 and later and are particularly interested in those soldiers who can attend the Jan 02 class.

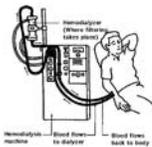
Cardiovascular Specialty (ASI Y6)



The Cardiovascular program has two phases, which combined lasts a total of 57 weeks. The first phase is 21 weeks and consists primarily of didactic studies and classroom laboratories. Intense learning takes place during this phase in the areas of chemistry, physics, anatomy & physiology, and pharmacology. Classes related to the specific technical skills of the cardiovascular technologist include cardiovascular radiology, electrocardiography, non-invasive EKG analysis, interventional balloon angioplasty, and diagnostic procedures. Students also receive training on various hands on tasks. Students practice on simulated cath lab patients and are tested on the skills of basic procedures before ever going to phase II. Students in phase I are also tested and required to pass Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS). During the second phase, clinical internship, the students continue to increase their level of knowledge and expertise by working in the actual patient-care environment. This consists primarily of hands on tasks, accompanied with written tests and research papers. In phase II, students will rotate to different areas of the cardiology service every three to six weeks. This provides them the chance to learn new procedures, new equipment and different protocols. The program places high emphasis on clinical learning. It is a

fundamental portion of the program and provides students with valuable preparation, training, and experience. Upon completion of phase II there are several benefits that aid graduates in a military career. One of the major benefits is that the course expands the skills and knowledge of the 91W health care specialist. Though we have an additional skill identifier, the Army's cardiovascular technician recognizes their foundation remains a combat medic. The additional experience and knowledge in emergency medical techniques gives the cardiovascular technician proficiency and confidence to react quickly to casualties on and off the battlefield. Another payoff is that the American Council on Education (ACE) recommends 60 college hours toward a baccalaureate degree. This can aid soldiers in attaining college degrees and promotions. Soldiers are also eligible to take several registry examinations offered by Cardiovascular Credentialing International (CCI). CCI offers exams in several subspecialties in the cardiovascular field. These examinations establish minimum standards of practice performed in the cardiovascular technology field and assures the competency level of the cardiovascular technician. They include testing in Cardiovascular Science, Certified Cardiography, Invasive, and Non-invasive technology. Soldiers trained in the Army's cardiovascular course that take the invasive registry examination have a 80% pass rate compared to national average of 60%. Soldiers must have a minimum of one year of high school/college chemistry, algebra, and physics with a "C" or higher. Transcripts are required. We are scheduling for the May 02 class.

Dialysis Specialty (ASI M3)



This 20-week course provides the military Licensed Practical Nurse with the knowledge and skills required for performing safe and effective hemodialysis treatments in both acute and chronic settings. Additional training is provided with other renal replacement therapies, to include peritoneal dialysis, renal

transplantation, continuous renal replacement therapies, plasma exchange/apheresis and hemoperfusion. This course is open to SGT and below, licensed with a minimum of 1 year in MOS for M6 graduates and 18 months time in service for ACASP soldiers. Active Army SGTs must have less than two years in grade and less than eight years time in service. Minimum time in service remaining requirement upon completion of the course is 17 months. Soldiers must have a minimum profile of 222221. Soldier should not have chronic or recurring skin disorders subject to infection and no history of allergic reaction to cleaning agents, antiseptics, and disinfectants. Applicants must have a statement signed by applicant and physician attesting to the fact that applicant has no aversion to the sight of blood as well as current blood test results for HBsAg, HBsAb, HbCAb, SGOT, and HIV with a statement from a physician indicating normal values. The packet should include a letter of recommendation from senior enlisted clinical supervisor and an ANC giving an evaluation of the applicant's potential. The course requires a minimum **ST of 105, and GT of 110** and one year of high school/college **chemistry** with a "C" or higher. Soldier should also have a letter of recommendation concerning individual's potential and ability to perform under stress from the senior clinical nursing supervisor and senior clinical enlisted supervisor. The course is taught at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. We are scheduling for the Jan 02 class. (There is only one class per year.)

91E ASI Training

Dental Laboratory Specialty (ASI N5)

The Dental Laboratory Course is designed to produce highly trained and qualified personnel in response to the needs of the Army Dental Care System. The course has been consolidated with the Air Force and Navy, and is now a Tri-service course. Training is conducted at Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas. The Dental Laboratory Specialist Course is 24 weeks long. This results in a PCS move. This course will provide a working knowledge of basic dental laboratory techniques as well as fabrication techniques for complete dentures, removable partial dentures, simple

fixed prostheses, orthodontic retainers, and occlusal splints. The subjects taught in the course are fundamentals of complete dentures, removable partial dentures and treatment appliances, fundamentals of fixed partial dentures, fabricating veneered restorations, and Army specific core tasks on Visible Light Cured Acrylic Resin. The course also provides a general knowledge of dental laboratory support in a field environment. There are several advantages for soldiers cross training into the dental laboratory field. Dental Laboratory is an exciting and rewarding career field where soldiers learn marketable skills that can provide excellent employment opportunities. The course is open to SPC non promotable and below. Service remaining requirement is 20 months. Soldiers must have a minimum profile of 222221, normal color vision, and a minimum GM score of **100**. Soldiers must attain a passing score on the Chalk Carving Test (to be administered by a Dental Corps officer or senior Dental NCO in the soldier's unit) and submit a letter of recommendation from their Commander. A copy of the chalk carving test must be included in the soldier's request for training. Soldiers who hold ASI X2 are ineligible to apply. We are scheduling for FY02 classes.

Preventive Dentistry (ASI X2)



The course is open to SPC non promotable and below. This course provides the student with the necessary knowledge to perform oral hygiene prophylactic procedures, conduct individual oral disease control programs, apply pit and fissure sealants to the teeth, evaluate dental radiographs, and clean and sterilize dental instruments and equipment. Service remaining requirement is 11 months. Soldiers who hold ASI N5 are ineligible to apply. Soldier must have a minimum physical profile of 222221, normal color vision, and a minimum ST score of **95**. Soldier can not have had any disciplinary action in the 12 months prior to start date of course. Soldier must have a CPR

certification valid through graduation and proof of Hepatitis A and B vaccine completed or series started (copies must be included with the request for training). We are scheduling for Apr 02 and later.

91P ASI Training

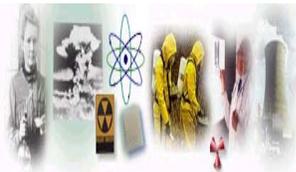
Nuclear Medicine Specialty (ASI M5)



This 52-week course is open to SPC and below. Soldiers must hold MOS 91P Radiology Specialist and have at least one-year experience in MOS. Minimum time in service remaining upon completion of the course is 36 months for active Army. The course requires a minimum **ST of 110** and a physical profile of 222221. Soldiers must have normal color perception and normal vision with or without corrective lens. Applicants must have credit for one year of **algebra** (pre-algebra not acceptable) with a "C" or higher. Official high school/college transcripts are required. We are scheduling for Jan and Jul 02.

91S ASI Training

Health Physics Specialty (ASI N4)



This 12-week course is open to non promotable SPC and below. Soldiers must hold PMOS of 91S Preventive Medicine Specialist. Minimum time in service remaining upon completion of the course is 11 months for active Army. A minimum **ST of 105** and a physical profile of 222221 is required. Soldiers may not be pregnant. Good eye/hand coordination and manual dexterity is required. Applicants must have credit for one year of biology, chemistry, and algebra (pre-algebra not acceptable) with a "C" average or

higher. Official high school/college transcripts are required. **WAIVERS WILL BE CONSIDERED ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS.** We are scheduling for Aug 02.

SKILL QUALIFICATION IDENTIFIER TRAINING (SQI)

Flight Medic (SQI F)



This 4 week course is designed to train enlisted medical personnel in the skills necessary to perform in combat as a Flight Medical Aidman aboard Army air ambulances. The course takes the student through certification opportunities in Basic Trauma Life Support and in Advanced Cardiac Life Support with skills in Advanced Trauma Life Support discussions. The course is open to SPC and non promotable SGTs who hold MOS 91W. Soldiers must have a current Class 3 Flight physical, current BLS, a ST score of at least 95, a current PT test without event substitution and must possess an EMT-Basic license. Copies of these documents must be included in the packet. Service remaining requirement is 24 months. We are scheduling for Feb 02 and later. Soldiers holding MOS 91WM6 are not eligible to apply.

For Your Information

Fully qualified soldiers can request MOS training as a reenlistment option if they are in their reenlistment window (must meet reenlistment priorities). Soldiers that are not in their reenlistment window can submit a DA 4187 requesting to reclassify. The request should include all required documents (i.e. transcripts, 2A, 2-1 (or ERB) and letters of recommendation.) The request is submitted to the local MILPO. No faxed requests are accepted.

Active Army may apply for SQI or ASI training by submitting a DA Form 4187. Soldiers should submit their 4187 through their local MILPO (faxed copies will be accepted only

for short notice courses – i.e. for Jan 02 classes. Soldiers must have their Commands approval to submit via fax). The packet must include the 4187, 2A, 2-1 (or SIDPERS ERB), letters of recommendation evaluating the soldiers potential and ability to complete the requested course and any additional documents required for the specific course the soldier is applying for (i.e. transcripts, copy of EMT certification, etc).

REMINDER REMINDER

Prior to the departure from home station, soldiers are required to reenlist or extend their term of enlistment in order to fulfil the time in service (TIS) remaining requirements upon completion of the course. When reporting to the ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT CENTER AND SCHOOL for training, and it is determined that soldiers do not meet the TIS remaining requirement, they will not be accepted into the course they requested unless the TIS requirements are fulfilled. ALL WAIVER REQUESTS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO: CDR, ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT CENTER AND SCHOOL, AMEDD Personnel Proponent Directorate, ATTN: MCCS-DE, 1400 E. Grayson Street, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234-6175.

Soldiers in the rank of SGT who are granted waivers of grade in order to attend school and subsequently appear before the SSG board, make themselves ineligible for training.

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