

Interested in becoming a military doctor? We offer pathways to earn your M.D. or D.O. Keep reading to learn more about education opportunities, student milestones, and residency and fellowship requirements.

MEDICAL SCHOOL FUNDING AND MILESTONES

FUNDING

- The Department of Defense offers three ways to complete medical school requirements.
- **Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS):** Medical students serve as active duty officers and receive full salary and benefits while earning their M.D. After graduation and completion of Graduate Medical Education training (residency and fellowships), you'll fulfill a seven-year commitment to serve as an active duty military doctor to repay the obligation for medical school tuition.
- **Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP):** Medical Students serve as inactive reservists and receive a stipend, tuition, and other benefits while earning their M.D. or D.O. After graduation and completion of Graduate Medical Education training (residency and fellowships), you'll serve on active duty one year for each scholarship year. For example, if you receive the scholarship for four years, you'll serve four years on active duty to repay the obligation for medical school tuition.
- **Health Services Collegiate Program (HSCP):** Medical students serve as active duty Navy enlisted personnel at the rank of E-6 or E-7. You'll receive full salary and benefits, but no tuition. Your active duty commitment is year for year (three years in the program for three years of active duty service) with a minimum of three years required. Years 1 and 2: Pass Step/Level 1 exam.

TRAINING AND POST-GRADUATE REQUIREMENTS

- After medical school graduation, you'll complete Graduate Medical Education training (residency and fellowship) as appropriate.
- During your first year, you'll pass Step/Level 3 and apply for state licensure at the completion of that year.
- Residencies range from three-seven years. Board certification examination(s) may occur during training, however most are completed in the months following graduation. After completing residency, you may pursue additional training opportunities in a fellowship program or begin your adventure as a faculty (or staff) Medical Corps Officer.

MILESTONES

- **Years 1 and 2:** Pass Step/Level 1 exam.
- **Years 3 and 4:** Pass Step/Level 2 exam, complete clinical rotations in a military hospital, and start applying for residency programs.
- All students take a Military Commissioned Officer Course during medical school.

