

***Are You a Soldier Interested in Becoming a Health Care professional?***

**Key Educational Opportunities:** US Army Recruiting Command (USAREC) will be briefing soldiers on the benefits of the Interservice Physician Assistant Program (IPAP), the AMEDD Enlisted Commissioning Program (AECP)-(RN School), and other AMEDD Training Opportunities such as the Health Professions Scholarship Programs (HPSP) at Tripler Army Medical Center, Honolulu Hawaii (11-12 Dec 06)!

USAREC will be sponsoring several briefings on the Interservice Physician Assistant Program (IPAP), the AMEDD Enlisted Commissioning Program (RN), and other AMEDD Training Opportunities at the following locations:

Date	Time	Brief	Location
11 Dec 06	0900 hrs	IPAP	Main Post Conference Room BLDG 548
11 Dec 06	1000 hrs	AECP	Main Post Conference Room BLDG 548
12 Dec 06	0900 hrs	IPAP	Kyser Auditorium Tripler Army Medical Center
12 Dec 06	1000 hrs	AECP	Kyser Auditorium Tripler Army Medical Center
12 Dec 06	1100 hrs	HPSP (Medical, Dental, Vet School) and PT Baylor	Kyser Auditorium Tripler Army Medical Center

Individual unit briefs can be arranged by contacting CPT James Jones at [ipap@usarec.army.mil](mailto:ipap@usarec.army.mil) or 502-626-0386. For soldiers who can't attend the briefings, please visit the PA, AECP, or HPSP websites for detailed information:

[www.usarec.army.mil/armypa/](http://www.usarec.army.mil/armypa/) or [www.usarec.army.mil/aecp/](http://www.usarec.army.mil/aecp/) or [www.goarmyhealthcare.com](http://www.goarmyhealthcare.com).

Whether you want to become a **Physician, Dentist, Veterinarian, Optometrist, Clinical or Counseling Psychologist**, if you qualify, you could earn a full-tuition scholarship, plus a monthly stipend of more than \$1,300. This is an incredible educational opportunity available to both military members and civilians that qualify! Visit [www.goarmyhealthcare.com](http://www.goarmyhealthcare.com) for more information. The U.S. Army-Baylor University Doctoral Program in Physical Therapy is a quad service program. Students who are interested in becoming commissioned officers in the U.S. Army should review the requirements of the program at <http://www.baylor.edu/graduate/pt/splash.php>.

The **AMEDD Enlisted Commissioning Program (AECP)** allows enlisted soldiers to earn a degree in Nursing and earn a commission in the Army Nurse Corps. AECP is open to all enlisted personnel regardless of MOS. The program has approximately 168 enlisted soldiers currently enrolled in colleges and universities around the country who are completing their Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing (BSN) while receiving full Pay and Benefits! “The program is still growing, and constantly changing to meet the needs of the Army and Army Nurse Corps. We want to get the word out to all interested soldiers in every Military Occupational Specialty and give them a chance to apply for the program. The more soldiers interested in the program and the more soldiers who apply can give us some leverage when it comes to requesting more funding for the program”, said SFC Timothy Wagner, AECP Program Manager. Interested soldiers must be able to enter a BSN program at an accredited college or university and complete their nursing degree within 24 calendar months. The program funds tuition up to \$9,000 per year. AECP offers many benefits to the soldier while enrolled in the program. Soldiers continue to receive full pay and entitlements plus a \$1,000 per year stipend to pay for books and school necessities. The tuition is funded by the Army and is paid directly to the school. Upon graduation from the BSN program, the soldier will attend the AMEDD Officer’s Basic Course where you will receive your commission as a second lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps. The application deadline will be 1 Jul 07 and the selection board convenes in August. For more information

contact: SFC Timothy Wagner, AECF Program Manager, at DSN 536-0381, commercial 502-626-0381, toll free 1-800-223-3735 extension 6-0381, or email [aecp@usarec.army.mil](mailto:aecp@usarec.army.mil).

The **Interservice Physician Assistant Program (IPAP)** is an incredible educational opportunity for officers, warrant officers and enlisted soldiers. The program is located at the AMEDD Center and School, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Graduates of the course receive a commission in the Army Medical Specialist Corps as First Lieutenants and earn a Master's degree from the University of Nebraska. Officers receive constructive credit IAW DODI 6000.13. Physician Assistants (PA) are important members of the AMEDD healthcare team and provide a broad range of medical services traditionally performed by physicians. They are the primary medical provider to soldiers in battalion and division level units and also provide garrison healthcare to soldiers, family members, and other eligible beneficiaries. The Army PA has served the nation in all conflicts and peacekeeping missions since the Vietnam War.

The Army trains approximately 95 soldiers a year alongside candidates from the Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard, U.S. Army Reserve, National Guard, and U.S. Public Health Service. Candidates attend the AMEDD Center and School for the classroom portion of the program. Courses range from anatomy and physiology to surgery and orthopedics. During a year of clinical training at selected Army hospitals, the candidates participate in clinical rotations in such areas as surgery, pediatrics, and dermatology.

The program is available to all enlisted, commissioned or warrant officers regardless of MOS or AOC. Other eligibility criteria include, but are not limited to; a GT score of 110 or greater, 60 semester hours of post secondary school education of which 30 hours must include six hours of English, six hours of Humanities, six hours of General Chemistry, three hours of Human Anatomy, three hours of Human Physiology, three hours of College Algebra or higher math, and three hours of Psychology.

Applications for this program are accepted until 1 March 2007 and are reviewed by a board in June. Official transcripts and SAT scores will be accepted until 1 June. All applicants are required to have an SAT within 5 years of application. The minimum

score must be 450 in each section of the exam and a composite score of no less than 1500 in the newer version and a minimum composite score of 1000 in the previous version. Complete application procedures are found in AR 601-20, The Interservice Physician Assistant Training Program, and in the Fiscal Year Message found at [www.usarec.army.mil/armypa](http://www.usarec.army.mil/armypa). The program also offers a Requirements Completion Course so soldier can complete the prerequisite courses! For more information, contact CPT James Jones, IPAP Program Manager: [ipap@usarec.army.mil](mailto:ipap@usarec.army.mil); DSN 536-0386, (502) 626-0386, 1-800-223-3735 – ext 60386.