

# Washington Army National Guard Commissioned Officer / Warrant Officer Programs



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Do you have what it takes to become an Officer in the Washington Army National Guard? Only men and women of outstanding character and drive need to apply.

Being an Officer in the Army National Guard will not only serve as a point of pride during your service, but it will also be useful to you in your civilian career. Employers place a high value on discipline and leadership skills, and often look to military officers as prime candidates for management roles and executive positions.

Do you have or are you working on your Bachelor's degree? Are you a natural leader? Whether you have priormilitary service or are new to the military, contact us.

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The **Interstate Transfer (IST)** program is designed to allow current National Guard Officers to continue their service when relocating between states. The **Inter-Service Recruit (ISR)** program allows military members who currently serve on Active Duty, U.S. Army Reserve or other service branches to transfer into the Washington Army National Guard. Contact our Officer Strength Force to start the transfer process.

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## SPECIALTY BRANCH

### Army Medical Department (AMEDD)

The National Guard offers direct commissions in Army Medical Department (AMEDD) Officer branches to highly qualified medical professionals who have acquired special skills through education and employment experience. Direct Commission opportunities exist for Physicians, Physician Assistants, Dentists, Clinical Psychologists, Social Workers, Nurses and Physical Therapists. Position availability and vacancies will determine eligibility.

Those who desire a career in medical administrative, logistical, or operational positions can pursue Officer Candidate School (OCS) or the Reserve Officer Training Course (ROTC) to seek their commission.

*Maximum ages are listed below, however, age waivers can be requested.*

**Medical Corps** - The medical corps consists of board-certified physicians who are providing clinical care in their qualified skill set to patients. **Max Age: 60**

#### **MD/DO**

- Must be a graduate of an accredited U.S. School of allopathic medicine or osteopathy with a doctor of medicine degree or doctor of osteopathy degree and is eligible to practice medicine or surgery in the U.S., U.S. Territories, or the District of Columbia.
- Must have a current and permanent unrestricted license to practice medicine and surgery in the U.S., U.S. Territories, or the District of Columbia.

#### **Resident**

- Must be a graduate of an accredited MD or DO School.
- Must have completed first year Graduate Medical Education (GME) in an approved program listed in the Directory of Residency Training Programs.
- Must be accepted or currently enrolled in a residency specialty program (confirm with current substitutability list for applicant qualification) leading to board certification in a specialty approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and either American Medical Association (AMA) or American Osteopathic Association (AOA).

**Dental Corps** - The dental corps consists of working general dentists. Specialty Dentists are able to serve, but the National Guard does not have specialty positions. **Max Age: 60**

- Be a graduate of an accredited U.S. School of Dentistry with a Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree or a Doctor of Medicine in Dentistry (DMD) degree. Must be eligible to practice dentistry and surgery in the U.S., U.S. Territories or the District of Columbia.
- Graduates of foreign dental schools are not eligible to apply.
- Must have a current unrestricted license to practice dentistry in the U.S., U.S. Territories or the District of Columbia.
- Applicants in a dental residency can receive a direct commission so long as they carry a current unrestricted license.

**Specialist Corps** - Medical Specialist Corps officers are essential in treating and helping the overall health of Soldiers and their families.

**Physician Assistant, Max Age: 48**

- Primary focus is on Bachelor's degrees in PA Studies or Master's degree in PA Studies, however, any bachelor's degree with a PA Certificate will usually be accepted. Programs must be at least 20 months in length to qualify regardless of accreditation.
- Must hold a current unrestricted license. Temporary licenses/permits are not authorized.
- Applicant must have passed and be currently certified by the National Commission of Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA).

**Physical Therapist, Max Age: 48**

- Applicant must have passed and be currently certified by the APTA (American Physical Therapy Association).
- Must hold a current unrestricted licensure.
- Must have a master's or doctoral degree from an accredited institution with a Commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE).

**Medical Service Corps** - Medical Service Corps officers must be warrior leaders who are technically proficient with branch and mission unique equipment, tools, and systems.

**Medical Students & Dental Students, Max Age: 42**

- Students who are enrolled in good standing in their first through fourth year, or have received an acceptance letter to attend an accredited Medical School or Dental School within the U.S., U.S. Territories, or the District of Columbia.
- Accepted into an accredited U.S. school of allopathic medicine, osteopath, or dentistry.
- Must have a Bachelor's Degree.

**Health Care Administrative Assistant, Max Age: 42**

- Must have a Bachelor's Degree.
- ROTC or Officer Candidate School (OCS) graduate – If not currently in the military, must attend all required entry training to attend OCS.
- Not eligible for direct commission except for extraordinary candidates already serving in the military.

**Environmental Science Officer, Max Age: 42**

- Must have completed, at a minimum, a bachelor's degree from an educational program accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education with a major in an environmental science relevant field.
- Preferred majors include: environmental science, environmental health, environmental management, occupational health, industrial hygiene, public health, sanitary science and epidemiology.

**Social Workers, Max Age: 48**

- Must possess a Master's of Social Work (MSW) from a program accredited by the Council of Social Work Education.
- Must possess a current unrestricted license for independent practice – No other license will be accepted.

**Clinical Psychologist, Max Age: 48**

- Must possess a doctorate (i.e.: PsyD or PhD) in clinical or counseling psychology from an American Psychological Association (APA) accredited program.
- Must have completed a 1-year APA accredited clinical psychology internship.
- Must have a current, unrestricted license to practice psychology in the United States, U.S. Territories, or the District of Columbia.

**Nurse Corps** - Nurses on the U.S. Army health care team play an important role in providing expert care to our Soldiers and their families; enjoy a flexible schedule; and participate in specialized training courses and/or advanced degree programs.

**Medical Surgical Nurse, *Max Age: 48***

- Must be a graduate of a nursing education program accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and acceptable to the Department of the Army.
- Pass the National Council Licensure Examination – Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN).
- Minimum educational program is a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN).

**Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP), *Max Age: 48***

- Master's degree from an accredited school of nursing and the State licensing requirements.
- Nurse Practitioners or Doctoral level nurses that are NOT Family Nurse Practitioners may receive a direct commission as a Medical Surgical Nurse, but may not serve as a Nurse Practitioner

**AMEDD Special Programs**

**The Interservice Physician Assistant Program (IPAP)**, open to all currently serving members of the Washington Army National Guard with Initial Entry Training complete. IPAP is a 30 month educational program graduating with Bachelor and Master Degrees in PA Studies. Didactic Instruction (Phase I) is provided at the AMEDD Center and School for a period of approximately 64 weeks. Clinical Training (Phase II) occurs at selected Army Military Treatment Facilities (MTFs) for a period of 52 weeks. Apply to compete on a National Order of Merit List. Requirements vary by selection year. Contact the Specialty Branch Recruiter to for additional information at [ng.wa.waarng.list.rrb-osm-basic-specility@army.mil](mailto:ng.wa.waarng.list.rrb-osm-basic-specility@army.mil)

## **Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG Corps)**

The National Guard offers direct commissions in the JAG Corps for highly-qualified current attorneys. The JAG Corps is highly competitive and has multiple screening processes. Opportunities are limited based on current strength and positions. *The maximum age for a new JAG Corps Officer is 32 years old, however, age waivers can be requested.*

### **Requirements**

- Graduate of an ABA-approved law school with a Juris Doctorate degree.
- Be a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a state or federal court.
- Third-year law school students **may** be considered so long as they meet all other qualifications for service.

More Information: [Judge Advocate Recruiting Office \(JARO\) Website](#)

## **Chaplain Corps**

The National Guard offers direct commissions in the Chaplain Corps for highly qualified candidates. This includes Chaplains and Chaplain Candidates – those pursuing a master's degree in a theological study in order to become a Chaplain. *Maximum ages are listed below, however, an age waiver can be requested.*

### **Chaplains, Max Age: 47**

- Have a Statement of Ecclesiastical Endorsement from an Approved Endorsing Agency.
- A qualifying post-baccalaureate degree. Must be a singular degree from a program requiring 72 semester hours (108 quarter hours) or more.
- A Master's of Divinity is preferred, but not required.

### **Chaplain Candidates, Max Age: 37**

- Have a Statement of Ecclesiastical Endorsement from an Approved Endorsing Agency.
- Must have a Bachelor's Degree.
- Enrolled in a qualifying post baccalaureate degree program. Must be a singular degree from a program requiring 72 semester hours (108 quarter hours) or more.
- Enrollment in a Master's of Divinity program is preferred, but not required.