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FY 2027 United States Army Medical Department (AMEDD) Enlisted to Medical
Degree Preparatory Program (EMDP2) Army Selection Board Requirements**

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A. Army Directive 2014-11 (Enlisted to Medical Degree Preparatory Program), 14 May 2014.

B. AR 40-501 (Standards of Medical Fitness), 27 June 2019.

C. AR 135-100 (Appointment of Commissioned and Warrant Officers of the Army), 1 September 1994.

D. AR 600-9 (The Army Body Composition Program), 16 July 2019.

E. AR 601-100 (Appointment of Commissioned and Warrant Officers in the Regular Army), 27 March 2025.

F. AR 601-141 (U.S. Army Health Professions Scholarship, Financial Assistance, and Active Duty Health Professions Loan Repayment Programs), 19 September 2006.

G. AR 601-280 (Army Retention Program), 14 April 2023.

H. AR 614-200 (Enlisted Assignments and Utilization Management), 27 June 2025.

I. AR 635-200 (Active Duty Enlisted Administrative Separations), 30 June 2025.

J. DoDI 6130.03 (Medical Standards for Appointment, Enlistment, or Induction in the Military Services), 28 May 2024.

1. This MILPER message is effective immediately and will expire 13 June 2027.

2. This message provides general information, eligibility, application requirements, and waivers for the Army's selection to the Enlisted to Medical Degree Preparatory Program (EMDP2). The 2027 class, Cohort 14, is scheduled to matriculate in July 2027. Deadline for submission of applications for FY27 enrollment is no later than 31 August 2026. Application packages must be received on or before the deadline

date. No additional documents or packages will be accepted after this date. Application requirements are specified on the EMDP2 website, located at <https://medschool.usuhs.edu/academics/emdp2>. The selection board will convene in Jan 2027 and selectees will be notified 4-6 weeks following the selection board via MILPER.

3. The EMDP2 is a post-baccalaureate 2-year resident training program for select, qualified Regular Army (RA) enlisted Soldiers to complete additional coursework to meet the course prerequisites for medical school admission and prepare for the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT). The Army has partnered with the USU, located in Bethesda, MD, to provide this opportunity for select, qualified, RA enlisted Soldiers to remain on active duty while completing the coursework necessary to apply for admission to the USU School of Medicine, civilian medical schools, and the Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP).

4. Soldiers will continue to serve in their current enlisted grade and will receive pay, allowances, benefits and privileges of their current pay grade while attending EMDP2. USUHS will pay the following expenses: civilian institution tuition and fees; required textbooks; MCAT prep course; MCAT exam; and initial medical school application service fee (s) (AMCAS, AACOMAS, TMDSAS) for the entire length of the course. Students are responsible for the following expenses: repeat MCAT exams; civilian medical school application fees including secondary application fees; travel expenses related to medical school application cycle (interviews, open houses, second looks, etc); civilian institution parking fees; medical school matriculant fees; and any additional academic tutoring or resources not provided by the program.

5. Members must meet their respective services' promotion, training, and readiness requirements. USU funds tuition and all associated academic costs of the program.

6. Soldiers must be a U. S. citizen, if a dual citizen, applicant is obligated to renounce their dual citizenship if accepted into USU School of Medicine; of good moral character, meet physical qualifications, and eligible for a security clearance.

7. Soldiers must agree to reenlist or extend for a period of 58 months from the start date of the EMDP2 program to meet the service remaining requirement (SRR).

8. Upon completion of the first year EMDP2, selected Soldiers must agree they will apply to the USU School of Medicine, in accordance with USU application policies, and be financially prepared to pay at minimum \$3,000 to apply to at minimum ten (10) accredited civilian medical schools (allopathic and/or osteopathic). In conjunction with

their USU application, Soldiers must also concurrently apply for HPSP to attend an accredited medical school in the United States or Puerto Rico. Application procedures for HPSP are contained within AR 601-141, para 2-7. Soldiers accepted into either the USU School of Medicine or HPSP will request discharge in accordance with AR 635-200, para 16-2.

9. Soldiers must be prepared financially to procure the officer uniform (\$3,000) prior to commissioning as an officer but upon commission will be reimbursed up to the initial clothing allowance as prescribed by the Financial Management Regulation (DoD 7000.14R, Vol. 7A, Ch. 29) and the Army Regulation 700-84.

10. Soldiers who complete EMDP2 and who are subsequently appointed as commissioned officers to attend medical school (USU or HPSP) will incur a 36 month active duty service obligation (ADSO) for attending medical school. Soldiers who do not complete EMDP2 or who complete, but fail to gain admission to medical school, will serve their EMDP2 SRR in their enlisted military occupational specialty (MOS). Those attending civilian medical schools using the HPSP will be commissioned into the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR). EMDP2 graduates who attend USU will have an additional seven-year active duty service obligation to be served consecutively with the EMDP2 Service Remaining Requirement (SRR). EMDP2 graduates attending civilian medical schools using the HPSP will have an additional four-year service obligation to be served consecutively.

a. Any RA enlisted Soldier, regardless of MOS, may apply for EMDP2.

b. Soldiers must meet the eligibility criteria for appointment as a commissioned officer as prescribed by AR 601-100, AR 135-100, and AR 135-101.

c. Soldiers are ineligible to apply if they are currently scheduled for or attending MOS training resulting from an approved reclassification or reenlistment contract.

d. Must be medically qualified for appointment as a commissioned officer in accordance with AR 40-501, chapter 2 and DoDI 6130.03. USU will process commissioning physicals.

e. Must be a U.S. citizen in accordance with AR 601-100.

f. Must have a secret security clearance, or at a minimum a favorable adjudication of a Tier 3 investigation (National Agency Check with Law and Credit (NACLC)). Soldiers without favorable adjudication of a Tier 3 investigation are not eligible to apply.

11. All waivers are processed through USU to the appropriate waiver authority.

12. Application process:

- a. Soldiers will need a conditional letter of release from the applicant's career management branch at least 120 days from USU board date. This will be sent to USU to validate release.
- b. Soldiers require a memorandum signed by their current command (First Sergeant and/or Command Sergeant Major) stating they are financially prepared for entry into the EMDP2. This memorandum must be included in the application package.
- c. Application form, checklist, application guide, registration for "Application Tutorials" training sessions, and additional resources can be found at <http://medschool.usuhs.edu/academics/emdp2>.
- d. General questions on the EMDP2 should be sent to EMDP2@usuhs.edu. Point of contact for Army service-specific inquiries is MSgt Ashlyn Howard, Student Enlisted Advisor, and she can be contacted via telephone at (301) 295-3722 or via e-mail at ashlyn.howard@usuhs.edu.

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