

Applicable to: Military

## ***The AY27 EMDP2 Cohort 14 application window is now open. Military and academic eligibility criteria is posted below.***

The Enlisted to Medical Degree Preparatory Program (EMDP2) offers qualified **enlisted personnel** the opportunity to complete the preparatory coursework for admission to medical school while on active duty status. **Air Reserve Component (ARC) personnel are eligible to apply.** This program is open to candidates who demonstrate integrity and are dedicated to becoming future physicians, leaders and scholars of the nation's medical force. This is a two-year program offered through the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences (USUHS) in Bethesda, MD with classes at a civilian sponsoring institution within 50 miles from USUHS. Program components will include post-baccalaureate pre-medical course-work, Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) preparation, clinical experience/physician shadowing, mentoring by physicians and medical students, and pre-health advising.

Air Force Personnel Center (AFPC) manages military eligibility/release of Air Force applicants and administratively assigns selectees to USUHS. 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.

This is a structured, funded program that incurs a three (3) year obligation/active duty service commitment (ADSC) in accordance with DAFMAN 36-2100, *Military Utilization and Classification*, Attachment 2, Table A2.2, Rule 13. ARC members accepted into the program will be accessioned onto Active Duty to meet the ADSC requirements. To accommodate this ADSC, selectees must agree and qualify for reenlistment or an extension for a period of 58 months at the start of EMDP2.

Selectees who meet specific enrollment requirements during their first year in the program are required to apply for matriculation to USU's F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine. Members are also required to apply to at least ten (10) accredited US medical schools (allopathic and osteopathic) after completing the first year of the program. Members must be financially prepared to pay approximately \$3,000 to apply to medical school at the end of the first year of the program. Members who apply to civilian medical schools must concurrently apply for the Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP). Selectees will receive permanent change of station orders to USUHS for the entire length of the course.

Graduates of the EMDP2 are commissioned to O-1E when transitioning to medical school. Members who attend USU will be appointed as active duty officers and have an additional seven (7) year ADSC to be served consecutively with the EMDP2 ADSC. Those attending civilian medical schools using the HPSP will be appointed into the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) and will have an additional four (4) year ADSC to be served consecutively with the EMDP2 ADSC. Members must be financially prepared to pay approximately \$3,000 for the officer uniform at the end of the second year of the program prior to commissioning 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).

# ALL EMDP2 APPLICANTS MUST BE RELEASED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE SERVICE PRIOR TO SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION TO USUHS.

After thoroughly reading all of the eligibility criteria below, you may request your conditional release by using the myFSS EMDP2 eligibility application by clicking the button below. If eligible, AFPC/DPMNP will coordinate conditional career field release and notify member of results. AARC members will be required to submit a completed DD Form 368, *Request for Conditional Release*, as part of their application to USUHS.

## AY27 EMDP2 Cohort 14 Military Eligibility Criteria

1. Enlisted service members, regardless of occupational specialty, eligible for reenlistment or extension, and qualified for worldwide assignments.
2. Have a secret security clearance, or at a minimum a favorable adjudication of a Tier 3 investigation (NACLC). Service members without favorable adjudication of a Tier 3 investigation are not eligible to apply. If clearance is more than 10 years old, action must be initiated to revalidate clearance prior to submitting application.
3. Eligible for appointment as a commissioned officer. No waivers are considered for this requirement. 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; be of good moral character, meet physical qualifications, and eligible for a security clearance. Members with court-martial convictions or those with history of non-judicial punishment or administrative action are ineligible to apply (informal or locally filed non-judicial actions are exempted). Member must not have current/pending control roster action, Unfavorable Information File (UIF) or referral EPR. Members with civilian misdemeanor or felony convictions must disclose those on their application to the program.
4. Completed at least three and no more than ten years of military service as of 31 August 2026 and be in grade of E-4 or higher at the time of application. Waivers are considered for time in service requirement. No waivers are considered for grade. Service members who have less than three years of service on 31 August of the application year (2026) are not eligible to apply.
5. Less than 34 years old on matriculation to EMDP2 (1 July 2027). Waivers are considered for age.
6. Medically qualified for appointment as a commissioned officer in accordance with DoDI 6130.03 (V1). Members with an Assignment Limitation Code (ALC) C-1 and C-2 may apply. Members with an ALC C-3 are not eligible to apply.
  - (a) Applicants who are selected for an interview will be scheduled for a commissioning physical examination which will be processed by the Department of Defense Medical Evaluation Review Board (DoDMERB). The commissioning physical is not required at the time of application submission; however, it is required for applicants to be considered by the final selection board.
  - (b) Applicants who are medically disqualified by DoDMERB will be processed for waivers through the respective Service Medical Waiver Review Authority (SMWRA) at USU.
7. Members must have a current minimum passing score of "satisfactory" (75 or higher) on the Air Force Fitness Test (exemptions are acceptable).

8. Members selected for deployment within the time of application and school start (15 May 2026 – 1 July 2027) are eligible to apply as long as the length of deployment does not exceed the matriculation date of 1 July 2027 to include reconstitution time upon return from TDY.
9. Members in initial entry training are ineligible to apply. Members selected for the NCO Retraining Program (NCORP) are ineligible to apply unless released by NCORP program manager (release to apply to EMDP2 will be requested by AFPC/DPMNP).
10. Members are required to have a memorandum signed by their Group Commander, Group Senior Enlisted Leader, or First Sergeant stating they are financially prepared for entry to the EMDP2. This memorandum must be included in the application package.

## AY27 EMDP2 Cohort 14 Academic Eligibility Criteria

1. Completed a bachelor's degree in any discipline at the time of application from an accredited academic institution in the US. Degree requirements must be completed no later than 31 August of application year (2026). No waivers are considered for the education requirement.
2. Additional academic eligibility criteria can be found in the Application Announcement found at Uniformed Services University's website (link in next section).

## Additional Information

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 myPers message.

General questions on the EMDP2 should be sent to [EMDP2@usuhs.edu](mailto:EMDP2@usuhs.edu). Point of contact for Air Force 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](mailto:ashlyn.howard@usuhs.edu).

Please review the DAFMAN 36-2032 and Frequently Asked Questions file under Related Resources. Questions regarding Air Force release to apply for this program can be referred to [AFPC.DPMNP.PhysicianEducation@us.af.mil](mailto:AFPC.DPMNP.PhysicianEducation@us.af.mil).

Applications are not submitted to AFPC. Additional application information can be found at [Uniformed Services University's website](#).

## Related Resources

- [DAFMAN 36-2032](#), *Military Recruiting and Accessions*
- [PSDM 24-54](#), (CU) AY2024 Selectees for EMDP2
- [EMDP2 Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [ARC Enlisted Performance Summary](#)