

Medical Service Corps

OVERVIEW

Medical service corps officers command the medical service corps that treats and helps the Soldiers and their families in a variety of areas:

Behavioral sciences – social workers, clinical psychologists and counseling psychologists

Health administration services

Laboratory sciences – biochemists, clinical laboratory officers, microbiologists and research psychologists

Optometry

Pharmacy

Podiatry

Preventive medicine sciences – medical science officers, entomologists, audiologists and environmental science/engineering officers.

JOB DUTIES

Command/control the medical service corps units during emergency and nonemergency medical situations

Coordinate employment of medical service corps Soldiers at all levels of command

REQUIREMENTS

Officers must be degreed professionals in their areas of specialty in order to join the medical service corps. Those who want to serve must also take the Armed Forces Vocational Aptitude Battery, a series of tests that helps you better understand your strengths and identify which Army jobs are best for you.

TRAINING

Job training for medical service corps officers includes completing an Officer Basic Leadership Course, which introduces you to the Army Health Care system, Army doctrine and basic Soldier/leader skills.

HELPFUL SKILLS

Ability to make accurate, immediate decisions

Perform under stress

Apply critical technical and thinking skills

Tremendous concentration