

**Uniformed Services University of the  
Health Sciences  
APA-Accredited Ph.D. Program in  
CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY**



**Background:**

- **Accepting two students annually for Navy positions in the Clinical Psychology Ph.D. program at USUHS.**
- **APA-Accredited; Scientist-Practitioner Model.**
- **Goal: To train highly-skilled psychologists in the practice of evidence-based clinical and military psychology to serve the men and women of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps and their families.**
- **Training includes 4 years at USUHS and 1 year in the APA-accredited doctoral internship at Navy Medical Center, Portsmouth, Va.**
- **Applications are accepted from military service members and civilian students. Deadline for applications: 1**

**December.** (NROTC students may also apply. For NROTC students, written approval to apply to USUHS must be obtained from the Commander of Naval Service Training Command via the applicant's NROTC CO. The written approval must be included in the application that is submitted to the Graduate Education Office at USUHS).

- **Seven years of service as a Navy psychologist are required following the internship.** (NROTC students serve a total of eleven years on active duty after completing the USUHS program).
- **Students have all academic expenses paid by the Navy and receive salary and benefits commensurate with their military rank.**

Detailed information about the Ph.D. program at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences can be found at:

<http://www.usuhs.mil/mps/>

### **How to Apply:**

**There are two parts to the USUHS application.**

**Part 1:** Completed online and submitted directly to the Graduate Education Office at the University. Deadline for Part 1 is 1 December.

As outlined in DoD Instruction 6010.20, "Admission Procedures for the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS)," June 17, 1997, eligible active duty personnel are required to include written approval to apply to USUHS in Part 1 of the application.

Navy officers (who are not in the Medical Service Corps) must meet the transfer or redesignation requirements of OPNAVINST 1210.5, "Lateral Transfer/Redesignation and Augmentation of Officers in the Navy," December 24, 2005.

Navy officers on extended active duty must submit a contingent resignation to BUPERS (PERS-813) via the chain of command, per MILPERSMAN 1920-170, "Contingent Resignation for Acceptance to Attend Medical Training under the Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program (AFHPSP) or at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS)," March 16, 2006.

Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard officers must meet the interservice transfer requirements of SECNAVINST 1000.7F, "Interservice Transfer of Commissioned Officers," January 5, 2006.

Navy enlisted personnel must submit NAVPERS Form 1306/7 (Enlisted Personnel Action Request) in accordance with MILPERSMAN 1306-112.

**Part 2: Only those applicants who are invited to USUHS for an interview will complete Part 2 of the application.**

**Part 2 of the application is completed with the help of a Navy Medical Programs Officer Recruiter and determines eligibility for gaining appointment as an officer in the Navy Medical Service Corps.**

**Deadline for Part 2: 28 February 2017.**

**Entry into the USUHS program is contingent on being deemed eligible for appointment as an officer in the Navy Medical Service Corps.**

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- Applicants must be U.S. citizens (dual citizenship is not permitted) and must have a Bachelors or Masters degree.
- Applicants do not incur any active duty service obligation unless they are selected for, and accept, a student position at USUHS.
- Applicants are notified directly by the USUHS Psychology department of their selection for interviews. Likewise, applicants are notified directly by the USUHS Psychology Department of their selection or non-selection for the program no later than 15 April.
- Selectees who are civilians, Navy or Marine Corps enlisted, or non-Navy active

duty (officer or enlisted) are required to attend Officer Development School (ODS) prior to orientation at USUHS.

2017 ODS dates: 9 July – 11 Aug 2017  
Orientation at USUHS starts: 16 Aug 2017

Additional information about ODS can be found at <http://www.ocs.navy.mil/ods.asp>. (Please note that Officer Development School is different from Officer Candidate School).

➤ **Doctoral Internship:**

- During the fourth year at USUHS, psychology students **MUST** apply for the APA-accredited doctoral internship at Naval Medical Center (NMC), Portsmouth, Virginia. This ensures that they will receive an internship that will provide them with a broad foundation in clinical practice with adults as well as specialized knowledge required to function effectively in the military healthcare system.
- The application for the internship is available by contacting the NMC, Portsmouth Psychology Training Director. Interviews required as part of the application for the internship are scheduled by the internship Training Director.
- Applications for the NMC, Portsmouth internship are due 1 November of the year prior to internship.
- Selection results will be released by mid-November.
- Early results allow students who are not selected for the NMC, Portsmouth internship to submit an application for the national match. Details on this process are available from the National Director, Navy Psychology Training Programs (see below).

For additional information about the USUHS Clinical (Military) Ph.D. program, contact:

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