MSC IPP FAQS

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GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **What are some general eligibility requirements?**
   - Be a United States citizen.
   - Age: must be commissioned BEFORE 42nd birthday. **NO WAIVERS**
   - **High school transcript is NOT required.**
   - Applicants must be serving on active duty in the U.S. Navy or U. S. Marine Corps, Marine Corps Reservist serving on active duty and Full Time Support of the Reserve (FTS).
   - Any Rate or Military Occupational Specialty (MOS), **in pay grades E-5 through E-9** at the time of the application
   - Have no record of courts-martial convictions or civilian felony convictions.
   - Have no conviction by civil court for misdemeanors (except minor traffic violations) during the 3 years preceding application.
   - Have no record of driving while intoxicated (DWI) or driving under the influence of an intoxicant (DUI) **within 3 years prior to Fiscal Year (OCT) of the application year**. NOTE: Prior service drug use is not an immediate disqualifier, however, any substantiated drug use (a felony conviction or any record of in-service drug abuse, regardless of the date) or alcohol abuse will result in disqualification.
   - **No failures of the Personal Fitness Assessment (PFA)** Test **taken within the last 3** consecutive cycles of application deadline. (**A failing PFA is disqualifying**).
   - Applicant's serving in a limited duty (LIMDU) capacity cannot submit an application until cleared of LIMDU status.
   - Meets all requirements as described within each of the MSC sub-specialties.
   - **All applicants must include their unofficial JST transcript.**

2. **Can general eligibility requirements be waived?**
   - General eligibility requirements **CANNOT** be waived.

3. **Where should I send my package? Please send packages to the address below:**

   NAVMED PDC
   Attn: Code O3C HMDT
   8955 Wood Road
   Bethesda MD, 20889-5628
   NOTE: If using any ground delivery other than USPS, the address MUST include: Building Number 1, Room Number (16148/16144) and telephone number (301) 295-0925/ (301)-319-4520

4. **What are some common factors found in all selects:**
   - Demonstrated superior performance!
   - Diversity of assignments (Operational, OCONUS, MTF)

PHYSICAN ASSISTANT

1. **Do all PA applicants have to take a college medical terminology course (3hrs)?**
   - Yes, medical terminology is now **a mandatory pre-requisite for all applicants**. Medical terminology completed as requirement of IDC/SOCOM, "A" or "C" school will not be accepted.

2. **Do I need to have all 60 semester hours completed to apply to the program?**
   - **Yes**, all course work must be completed and reviewed to submit an application

3. **Will all my pre-requisite course work be accepted for the PA program?**
   - **Required course work ten years and older will not be accepted for the PA program**.

4. **What is the required GPA to apply to the program?**
   - The overall minimum GPA is 3.0; however, the minimum science GPA is 3.0

5. **Is there a required test for the PA program?**
   - **Yes, the SAT is the REQUIRED test** for all PA applicants.

6. **What is the minimum SAT score?**
   - You **MUST score 1000 or higher and score 460** or higher in math to submit an application.

7. **I did not score 1000 on the SAT may I still submit a package?**
   - **No,** your combined critical reading and math scores must be 1000 or higher.

8. **I did not score 460 in math but my combined score is over 1000; may I submit my package?**
   - **No**, you must have a minimum math score of 460.

9. **Can the SAT test scores be waived?**
   - **No**

10. **Where do I send my official transcripts?**
    - Official transcripts from all attended academic institutions must be requested and sent by the institution via the UniCAS application. **See current NAVADMIN for dates.**

11. **Where can I find the website to submit a PA application?**
    - Application to UNMC Physician Assistant Program must be initiated online vial the UNMC IPAP CAS/UniCAS system at **https://ipap.liaisoncas.com** **See current NAVADMIN for date!** IDC and SOCOM graduates must uploaded their JST to the UniCAS system. **NOTE:** Completion of the online application does not qualify as submission of the application to MSC IPP Physician Assistant program-it is required for UNMC administrative purposes ONLY.

12. **Do I need to submit A PACKAGE to NAVMED PDC to qualify for the PA program?**
    - **Yes**, you must submit a hard-copy application to Navy Medicine Professional Development Center by the due stated in the current MSC IPP NAVADMIN in order to be considered by the MSC IPP Board. **Applicants will be notified of their academic eligibility well before the official MSC IPP application deadline.**

13. My transcripts were reviewed but I was not qualified, what can I do?
Review the academic evaluation of your transcripts done by UNMC. Enroll in missing or out of date classes. You cannot submit a PA package for this fiscal year.

14. How many hours and what courses do I need to apply to the PA Program?
30 hours core courses (6 hrs Gen Chemistry (I, II), 6 hrs English Composition (I, II 6 hrs Humanities (sociology, history, speech), 6 hrs Anatomy & Physiology (I, II), 3 hrs. Psychology, 3 hrs College Algebra) plus 30 hours general (science and general studies – NON–IDC 18 hours must be in advance biological/sciences (examples - Microbiology, Physiology, Bacteriology, Genetics, General Biology I, II, Immunology, Cell Biology, Pathology) and 12 in general studies). = 60 hours total credits. Mandatory for ALL applicants, 3 hrs Medical Terminology.

15. May I use a Statistics course to substitute for College Algebra?

- **No, they really have very little in common.**
- **Statistics can be divided (roughly) into data analysis and mathematical statistics.**
- **Data analysis is studied by people from many different fields and involves attempts to 1) Describe sets of data, 2) Infer from a sample to a population and 3) Separate signal from noise. Mathematical statistics is studied by people who major in math.**

16. I graduated IDC, or SOCOM, how many credits do I receive for completing IDC/SOCOM School?

- **Completion of IDC/SOCOM Training will satisfy 24 semester hours of the 60 required semester hours. IDC/SOCOM satisfies Anatomy and Physiology I, II and the 18 hours of advance biology/science courses. Neither IDC nor SOCOM will satisfy the medical terminology requirement!**