



## Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) Program Overview

The Uniformed Services University (USU) is located on the grounds of the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland - a suburb of Washington, D.C. - and is the nation's only federal school of medicine, graduate school of nursing, postgraduate dental college, and college of allied health sciences. The university's close proximity to the National Institutes of Health, the National Library of Medicine and Walter Reed National Military Medical Center make it a unique location for medication education and research.

### Eligibility

- Applicants must be U.S. citizens and meet the physical and security requirements for holding a commission in the uniformed services. Individuals in the uniformed services must have approval from their government agencies or sponsoring components as part of their application.
- All students must be at least 18 years old at the time of matriculation, but no older than 36 as of June 30th in the year of matriculation. Applicants must take the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT), a standardized examination designed to measure general and specific aptitude for medical studies. Applicants must provide scores from tests that have been taken within 3 years of desired matriculation.
- Applicants must have been awarded a baccalaureate degree from an accredited academic institution in the U.S., Puerto Rico, or Canada by June 1st of the year of desired matriculation, and must have completed the coursework listed in the recruitment and admissions booklet.



### Benefits

- **Tuition-free medical education**
- **Pay.** Participants receive the pay and allowances of an O-1, Ensign (or more for those with prior service).
- **Housing.** A tax-free allowance for your rent or mortgage calculated based on your duty station and dependent status.
- **Health care** through TRICARE for officer and dependents.
- **Travel** costs are covered between your home and program location.