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UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE (USPHS) PRE-SCREENING SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOL INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE (IHS) PHARMACY RESIDENT PROGRAM

Below are the requirements and potentially disqualifying factors for active duty commissioning in the USPHS. This list does not necessarily include all potential disqualifiers. Please read the list carefully. **You will be asked to confirm your review of this information later in the IHS pharmacy residency application process.**

Do I meet the Pharmacist Officer Required Qualifications for joining the Commissioned Corps?

- U.S. citizen
- Mandatory eight-year commissioned service obligation
- Less than 44 years of age for Active Duty
 - Can be offset by up to 8 years of prior uniformed service
 - Some officers may qualify for an age waiver
- Meet professional, medical, and security requirements
- Qualifying degree from an accredited institution
- Current, unrestricted, and valid license to practice in one of the 50 States, U.S. territories, or Washington, DC
- Must have a GPA of 2.8 or above on a 4.0 scale or equivalent system

Meet Suitability Requirements (major disqualifying factors below):



- Military Discharges: other than Honorable (includes character reviews and further assessment of separation and reenlistment codes)
- Military disciplinary proceedings/court martial
- Employment Severance (e.g., fired, or left under unfavorable circumstances)
- Financial Delinquency on any debt (foreclosure, bankruptcy requiring court documentation, etc. All other accounts must be up to date)
- Drug Use, and/or drug possession or distribution charges or convictions
- Alcohol Abuse (includes alcohol related charges or convictions)
- Violence/Domestic Violence charges or convictions
- Felony Criminal charges/convictions
- Civil court actions
- Pending criminal charges or convictions

Meet Medical Accession Standards (partial list of disqualifying conditions listed below):

- Overweight or underweight according to the USPHS weight standards. Use this link to view the standards chart: <https://www.usphs.gov/media/4nhfmjln/medical-accession-standards-tab-a.pdf>
- Diabetes Mellitus: History and/or presence of Type I, Type II, Gestational diabetes, Impaired glucose tolerance/pre-diabetes
- Dyslipidemia
- Abnormal liver function studies
- Syphilis (untreated)
- Tuberculosis (untreated latent or active TB)
- Abnormal PAP smear results
- Abnormal urinalysis results
- Blood Abnormalities: abnormal blood counts (white or red cell; platelets) that does not meet USPHS accession standards
- Cardiac: abnormal cardiac rate, rhythm and/or conduction in the presence of organic heart disease; pacemaker or implantable defibrillator
- Impaired Hearing or inner/outer ear structure that does not meet USPHS accession standards
- Impaired vision or abnormal eye structure that does not meet USPHS accession standards
- Pregnancy and the Post-partum period (until either 43 days post-vaginal uncomplicated delivery or 56 days uncomplicated post- Caesarian section delivery)



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***This list is not all inclusive. Please see the USPHS website for more information.**