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Interservice Physician Assistant Program (IPAP)





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Prerequisites

(Reference: NGB Memorandum, dated 5 Dec 07)

- Must be a member of the Army National Guard with at least one year of service (can be waive by the TAG)
- May be assigned to an additional TDA position, or over strength against a valid PA slot
- Not older than 33 years of age at the time of commissioning (waiver necessary prior to board review)
 - May apply up to age 45 (PAs can be appointed up to age 48)



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Prerequisites (cont'd)

- GT score of 110 or higher (enlisted applicants)
- Must have passed an APFT within the last 6 months
- Meet all of the eligibility criteria for appointment as a commissioned officer IAW AR 135-100, AR 135-101, and NGR 600-100
- Commissioned Officer applicants must be no higher than CPT and no more than 12 years commissioned service



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Educational Requirements

- Applicants must have at least 60 transferable credit hours from an accredited college/university; mandatory resident courses listed below:
 - English Composition I - 3 semester hours
 - English Composition II - 3 semester hours
 - Humanities (Literature, History (including Western Civilization), Ethics, Philosophy, Language, Social Studies, Sociology, etc.) - 6 semester hours
 - Anatomy - 3 semester hours (lab not required)
 - Physiology - 3 semester hours
 - Chemistry - 6 semester hours (lab not required)



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Educational Requirements (cont'd)

- College Algebra (or other higher level math course) - 3 semester hours
- Psychology - 3 semester hours
- Minimum of 30 semester hours completed in residence, grade C or better
 - Remember, D's don't transfer
- GPA of at least 2.5 in resident training



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"The Curriculum" Phase 1

- The IPAP is a two-phase program:
- Phase 1 (approximately 50 weeks in duration) is academic instruction conducted at the Academy of Health Sciences, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and includes:
 - Basic sciences of anatomy, physiology, chemistry, laboratory sciences, microbiology, internal medicine, preventive medicine, pharmacology, human behavior, physical evaluation, infectious disease, neurology, dental sciences, orthopedics, obstetrics, gynecology, pediatrics, emergency medicine, surgery, dermatology and health care administration.



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"The Curriculum" Phase 2

- Phase 2 (approximately 53 weeks) places the student/candidate into a structured clinical training environment at one of the various military, DOD or affiliated civilian medical treatment facilities, and includes:
 - Rotations in ambulatory care, internal medicine, emergency medicine, preventive medicine and occupational health, surgery, orthopedics and podiatry, dermatology, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, psychiatry, laboratory and radiology.



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Transcript Evaluation

- Only Official/Original transcripts are evaluated
- Transcripts are required from every college/university attended
- Forward as a complete package to:

*Army National Guard Readiness Center
ATTN: NGB-ART-I (CW3 Valentine D. Grant)
111 South George Mason Drive
Arlington, VA 22204-1382*

- Once received at NGB, transcripts are logged in, then forwarded to the University of Nebraska (UNE) Medical Center for evaluation



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Transcript Evaluation (cont'd)

- **AARTS** Transcript must be an *official original copy*.
- Evaluation process takes approximately 3-4 weeks
- Approved transcripts are file at NGB for two years
- If there are changes or updates made to the academic prerequisites, another evaluation may be required



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Waivers

- Age waiver is required on applicants who, at the time of commissioning, will be over the age of 32 and 6 months
 - Reference Para 1-8a(2)(a), AR 135-100
 - Applicants are appointed at the end of the two year program
 - NGB-ASM-O is the AMEDD age waiver authority
 - Qualified PAs can be appointed up to age 48
- Waivers are required for offenses as listed in Para 2-9, NGR 600-100 - approved by NGB-ARP
- **There are absolutely no education waivers**



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Selection Board Process

- All packets pre-approved by the Boards Branch are reviewed/voted on by the actual selection board
- Selection Board consists of 3-5 medical professional representatives usually from:
 - US Army Medical Department Center and School, Fort Sam Houston, Texas (mandatory)
 - NGB-ARS (Surgeon's Office)
 - One or Two PAs from the field
- Selection process takes 1-2 days



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Selection Board Process (cont'd)

- After Action Report and Order of Merit List (OML) produced and approved by G1
 - Results are withheld until OML is approved (3-4 weeks)
- OML
 - Line drawn by the board, above line are selectees
 - 10 seats per class , 3 classes per year
 - Alternates are dependant upon quota availability and the opinions of the board
 - Non-selectees may apply again at the behest of their state (Note: After 2 unsuccessful attempts, applicants are discouraged from applying again until noteworthy improvement can be accomplished)



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Notification

- As soon as the results of OML are known:
 - AMEDD POC is notified regarding the status of all participants, selected and non-selected
 - Selectees' home address/contact information is verified
 - Transcripts are pulled from the packet and forwarded to the UNE
 - These will be used at Fort Sam by the UNE during enrollment/registration
 - The names and addresses of selectees are emailed to the PA School (Fort Sam Houston)
 - Very important that you keep me informed on your selectee's whereabouts and current address



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Notification (cont'd)

- The PA School sends selectees a Welcome letter indicating:
 - Report Date and Time
 - APFT Date and Time
 - Information regarding registration with the affiliate university (currently the UNE)



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FUNDING

- Funding for IPAP is provided to the states as part of the Initial Annual Funding Guidance (AFG). NGB-ART-I will make an initial distribution for the total amount required via Funding Authorization Document (FAD). This up-front distribution will be generated from the selected list and any other projected quotas assigned to each state and territory.
- Average cost of sending someone to PA school
 - \$175,000 to \$200,000
 - Includes 2 years pay
 - Allowances (BAH, BAS, etc.)
 - PCS costs (about \$10,000)





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Annual Leave

- Students are given plenty of opportunity to take leave while in the program. Students that do not take leave during the week they are on break between the trimesters, during Exodus, or do not take leave during their PCS to Phase II. The school will not reimburse soldiers for lost leave. Soldiers should ask to sell their leave, 60 days can be sold during their military career.
- **It is highly recommend you inform the soldiers to take their leave when given the opportunity by the school house during PCS to Phase II and Exodus.**



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6 Year Service Obligation

- In accordance with NGR 351-1, paragraph 1-10c, I will commit to a 6-year service obligation after completion of the course.
- DA Form 1058R replace the NGB Form 64



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Army National Guard Interservice Physician Assistant Program (IPAP) Academic Worksheet

Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial
MOS / AOC

SSN

State POC e-mail address: _____



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The results of the NGB IPAP Selection Board will be announced within two to three weeks after the board adjourns and the Order of Merit (OML) is published. The next three tentative IPAP Selection Board dates and NGB suspense's are as follows:

TRANSCRIPT(S) SUSPENSE	PACKET SUSPENSE	IPAP BOARD DATES	CLASS DATES	CLASS NUMBER
22 MAR 08	18 APR 08	19 MAY 08	30 NOV 08 - 17 DEC 09	1-09
21 JUN 08	19 JUL 08	20 AUG 08	05 APR 09 - 20 APR 11	2-09
11 NOV 08	11 DEC 08	07 JAN 08	02 AUG 09 - 17 AUG 11	3-09



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POC

TRANSCRIPTS QUESTIONS:

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Individual Training Branch Quota Manager for:

- * Warrant Officer Professional Development Education (WOCS, WOBC, WOAC; less Aviation WOCS and WOBC)
- * Army Force Management Course (SC 134)
- * DOD Equal Opportunity Management Institute (SC 210)
- * Planning, Programming, Budgeting Exec System (PPBES) (SC 805A)
- * Resource Management Budget (RMBC) (SC 805A)
- * Fiscal Law (SC 181)
- * Interservice Physician Assistant Program Coordinator (IPAP 081-6H-65D)
- * Defense Strategy Course (DSC)
- * Reserve Component National Security Course (RCNSC)
- * Reserve Component National Security Issues Seminar (RCNSIS)
- * Action Officer Force Integration Course (AOFIC)
- * Joint Interagency Security Course (JISC)





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