Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS)
APA-Accredited Ph.D. Program in CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY
https://www.usuhs.edu/mps

Background:

➢ Accepting two students annually for Navy positions in the Clinical Psychology (Military) Ph.D. program at USUHS, Bethesda, Maryland.

➢ APA-Accredited; Scientist-Practitioner Model.

The Ph.D. program in Clinical Psychology at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, MD is accredited by the American Psychological Association. Inquiries regarding accreditation may be addressed to the APA’s Commission on Accreditation at the following address or phone number:

Office of Program Consultation and Accreditation
American Psychological Association
750 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C., 20002-4242
(202) 336-5979
Aim: 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. (See below for additional details).

Applications for the USUHS Ph.D. program are accepted from civilian and military service members including line and staff corps officers and enlisted from active duty and reserve. NROTC/MECEP students may also apply pending written approval (see Table below).

Seven years of service as a Navy psychologist are required following the internship. (NROTC/MECEP 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/](http://www.usuhs.mil/mps/)

**HOW TO APPLY:**

There are two parts to the USUHS application.

**Part 1:**

Part 1 of the application is completed online and submitted directly to the Graduate Education Office at the University.

Deadline for Part 1 is 1 December of each year.
Part 1 is used to identify “best qualified” applicants. Only those applicants identified as “best qualified” will be invited for interviews at USUHS and proceed with Part 2 of the application.

**NOTE:** Active duty and reserve applicants (officer and enlisted) must obtain written approval to apply to USUHS as outlined in DoD Instruction 6010.20, “Admission Procedures for the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS),” June 17, 1997 and summarized in the Table below.

Documented approval must be submitted with Part 1 of the application.

Part 1 of the application will not be considered complete if this documentation is not submitted.

**Part 2:**

Part 2 of the application is completed only by those applicants who are identified as “best qualified” and invited for interviews at the University.

Part 2 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: Date determined annually and communicated to Medical Programs Officer Recruiters.

Entry into the USUHS program is contingent on being deemed eligible for appointment as an officer in the Navy Medical Service Corps.
The following table shows relevant guidance for each applicant type:

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<th>APPLICANT TYPE</th>
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| Navy officer (not in the Medical Service Corps)     | ➢ 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  
  ➢ Must meet transfer or redesignation requirements of OPNAVINST 1210.5A, “Lateral Transfer/Redesignation and Augmentation of Officers in the Navy,” 6 December 2016;  
  ➢ Submit Contingent Letter of Resignation to SECNAV via Commanding Officer and Commander, Navy Personnel Command (Refs: MILPERSMAN 1500-030; 1920-170; 1920-190; 1920-200).  
  ➢ POC BUPERS 834F                                                                 |
| Navy officer (in the Medical Service Corps)          | ➢ DD Form 368 Request for Conditional Release plus endorsement letter from Commanding Officer  
  ➢ POC BUPERS 834F                                                                 |
<p>| Navy officer 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. |</p>
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<td>Reserve Navy officers</td>
<td>➢ DD Form 368 (see above) plus endorsement letter from Commanding Officer if assigned to a command</td>
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<td>Enlisted Navy reservist</td>
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<td>Marine Corps Officers and Enlisted</td>
<td>➢ Must meet interservice transfer requirements of 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</td>
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<td>➢ Submit DD Form 368</td>
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<td>NROTC/MECEP students</td>
<td>➢ 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.</td>
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<td>Army, Air Force, and Coast Guard Officers</td>
<td>➢ (MILPERSMAN) 1300-082 “Interservice Transfer of an Officer into the Navy”</td>
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ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

a. Applicants must be under 42 years of age at the date of commissioning. Commissioning typically occurs in late May – early June before classes begin.

b. U. S. Naval Academy midshipmen may be recruited into the program based on needs of the service.

c. Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) midshipmen may be recruited into the program based on needs of the service.

d. All Navy and Marine Corps officers on active duty who have completed their initial active service obligation before appointment in the program, except for the following:

   (1) Officers serving under obligations incurred through Department of Defense (DoD) funded education programs, naval flight officer training, or naval flight training must complete the minimum required obligated service for those programs, plus any additional obligated service incurred in conjunction with aviation cross training, transition, or replacement training.

   (2) Nuclear trained officers must have completed a tour as department head of a nuclear submarine or guided missile cruiser, or as principle assistant of an aircraft carrier, or be senior to officers so assigned. If a nuclear trained officer is serving under an agreement for nuclear career continuation pay, he or she must be within 1 year of completion of the obligation as an unrestricted line officer. Availability will be determined based on community ability to meet requirements.

d. All Navy and Marine Corps active duty enlisted personnel.

e. Inactive Navy and Marine Corps Reserve personnel (officer and enlisted), except nuclear trained naval officers eligible for reassignment to duty as nuclear propulsion trained officers.
f. Civilian applicants qualified for commissioning in the U.S. Navy.

g. Officer and enlisted personnel from other service branches.

- Applicants must be U.S. citizens (dual citizens must agree to relinquish non-U.S. citizenship if selected for the program).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE DOCTORAL INTERNSHIP

- As noted above, training in the USUHS Ph.D. program includes 4 years at USUHS and 1 year in the APA-accredited doctoral internship at Navy Medical Center, Portsmouth, Va.

  - During the fourth year at USUHS, Navy psychology students MUST apply for the APA-accredited doctoral internship at Navy 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.

  - Applications for the NMC, Portsmouth internship are due 1 November of the year prior to internship.

  - Selection results are 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. In the event that an application for the National Match is needed, applicants should place the Navy internships at WRNMMC, Bethesda and NMC, San Diego at the top of their rank-order list.
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- Applicants for the USUHS program 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 the five-week Officer Development School (ODS) prior to orientation at USUHS. The dates for ODS classes are determined annually.

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

- Orientation at USUHS starts: 6 August.

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

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