

MILPERSMAN 1131-050

MEDICAL ENLISTED COMMISSIONING PROGRAM

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References	(a) OPNAVINST 1420.1A (b) OPNAVINST 1120.7 (c) SECNAVINST 1920.6C
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1. **Purpose.** The Medical Enlisted Commissioning Program (MECP) gives active duty enlisted personnel, including Full-Time Support (FTS), an opportunity to complete the requirements for a baccalaureate degree in nursing and earn a commission as a Nurse Corps officer.
2. **Applications.** Due annually by 1 October. Eligibility criteria and application procedures for MECP are found in reference (a).
3. **Pay.** MECP selectees will receive full pay and allowances for their enlisted paygrades and will be eligible for advancement while attending college on a full-time basis. Tuition, fees, books, and other expenses must be paid by the MECP candidate.
4. **Obligation**
 - a. Upon graduation, candidates will be commissioned as **Ensign, Nurse Corps, United States Navy** and incur a commissioned obligation of 8 years, 4 of which must be served on active duty.
 - b. Candidates will be commissioned upon completion of MECP and must successfully complete Officer Indoctrination School.
5. **License Requirements**
 - a. Nurse Corps officers must obtain and maintain a license to practice as a registered professional nurse from a state,

territory, or the District of Columbia based on a licensing examination provided by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing and administered by one of its member boards of nursing.

b. Obtaining and maintaining a license to practice is the responsibility of the officer. Officers failing to become licensed may be appointed in a different category to complete any incurred active duty obligation, or separated for cause under the guidance of references (b) and (c).