MEDICAL ENLISTED COMMISSIONING PROGRAM

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).