

OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL

Continuing our Tradition of Excellence



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What is Officer Candidate School?



- OCS is a leadership development program that prepares soldiers to become officers in the Army National Guard and Army Reserve
- Mission: To train, assess, and develop future leaders of the Army National Guard and Army Reserve in accordance with standards set by the US Army Infantry School
- Upon completion, graduates receive a federally recognized commission as a Second Lieutenant

Program Overview



- Four Phases:
 - Phase Zero: In-processing, Orientation, APFT, and Basic Leadership Skills
 - Phase One: Land Navigation and Leadership Training
 - Phase Two: Leadership, Academics, and Tactics
 - Phase Three: Practical Application of Leadership Skills in a Tactical Environment
- Graduation and Commissioning

Benefits of OCS



- Leadership Training
- Expert Classroom and Tactical Training
- E-5 pay while enrolled (E-5 for Army Reserve)
- Opportunities to Gain Leadership and Management Experience
- Shorter program than ROTC with shorter obligation
- Military Education
 - Officer Basic Course (OBC) in assigned branch
 - Opportunities for Airborne, Air Assault, Ranger, etc.
- Civilian Education
 - Money for college tuition and expenses 100%
 - College credit for OCS (at some schools)



The OCS Environment



Professional
Stressful
Demanding
Competitive
Challenging
Rewarding!

*“Humans, like iron, must be tested under fire
to prove their strength.”*

-- Anonymous

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There are three ways to be commissioned through the DEARNG OCS program:

1. Traditional Program (18 months)
2. Summer Accelerated Program (5 IDT months & 2 months)
3. Winter Accelerated Program (3 IDT months, 1 week & 2 months)

TRADITIONAL PROGRAM (18 MONTHS)



- Orientation at BBTS in April 2009
- OCS Selection Board in May 2009
- Phase 0 from April through July 2009
- Phase 1: 31 July - 15 August 2009, Camp Fretterd, MD
- Phase 2: September 2009 - August 2010, BBTS
- Phase 3: 10 September - 25 September, 2010, Ft. Indiantown Gap, PA
- COMMISSIONING IN OCTOBER, 2010

ACCELERATED PROGRAM

(5 IDT months & 2 months)

- Orientation at BBTS in April 2009
- OCS Selection Board in May 2009
- Phase 0 from April through July 2009
- Phase 1: 31 July – 15 August 2009, Camp Fretterd, MD
- Phase 2 & 3: 16 August – 25 September 2009, Ft. Indiantown Gap, PA (with Class #52)

OR

- Phase 1-3 12 June – 8 August 2009, Ft McClellan, AL

COMMISSIONING IN OCTOBER, 2009

ACCELERATED PROGRAM

(3 IDT months, 1 week & 2 months)

WINTER



- Orientation at BBTS in October 2009
- OCS Selection Board in Nov/Dec 2009
- Phase 0 from October 2009 through January 2010, BBTS
- Phase 0 from 18 – 22 January 2010 , Ft. Indiantown Gap, PA
- Phase 1-3: 22 January – 20 March 2010, Ft. McClellan, AL

COMMISSIONING IN MAY, 2010


Enrollment Requirements

- Successful completion of APFT prior to Phase 1 / 250 or better for accelerated program.
- Current Commissioning Physical or NLT 90 days after completion of Phase 1.
- Meet height/weight standards of U.S. Army.
- Score a 110 on the GT portion of the ASVAB.
- Possess a 'secret' clearance or have proof that one has been requested.
- Education degree plan in place before graduation if you don't have a degree


Enrollment Requirements (cont.)

- Completion of Basic and Advanced Individual Training (Except for OCS enlistment options).
- Completion of a minimum of 60 college credit hours to begin OCS and 90 credit hours by the time of commissioning. Accelerated Program requires 90 credit hours to start.
- U.S. Citizenship (accelerated) or Application for U.S. citizenship (traditional).
- AGE: No older than 42 years + 364 days by program completion.
- MORALS: Waiver required, TAG approved, case-by-case basis.

WHAT TO EXPECT IN OCS :


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- OCS Selection Board, consisting of the Assistant to the Adjutant General and many of the Battalion Commanders.
 - You will be attached to the 193rd RTI for the duration of the program and promoted to the rank of E-5 while in ‘candidate’ status.
 - You will be weighed & taped to ensure that you meet the Army standard. You must continue to meet this standard or risk removal from the program.

WHAT TO EXPECT IN OCS (cont):

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- You will be given a physical fitness test on your first day of phase 0 to assess your physical condition. PT is **IMPORTANT!**
 - You will need to provide documentation to show that you meet the pre-requisites of the OCS program.(Orientation Letter)
 - You will be required to attend an officer basic course within 18 months of commissioning (avg. length is 4 months).
 - After graduation you will incur a 2 year obligation.

PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION

- POI is from FT. Benning (USAIS), and includes:
 - Land Navigation
 - Infantry Tactics
 - Combat Arms Familiarization (CS/CSS Included)
 - Army Organization & Military History
 - Personnel Management & Military Justice
 - Counseling, Military Briefings, Writing
 - LEADERSHIP, LEADERSHIP, LEADERSHIP



**REVIEW OCS PAMPHLET FOR
MORE INFORMATION & DETAILS**


GO FOR THE GOLD !!!



THE DEARNG OCS PROGRAM HAS A
PROUD HERITAGE...

--51 Classes have been commissioned.

--YOU could be commissioned with
Class 52 in 2009 or Class 53 in 2010.



CAREERS IN THE DEARNG



- AVIATION
- CHEMICAL
- CHAPLAIN
- ENGINEER
- JAG
- MILITARY INTELLIGENCE
- MILITARY POLICE
- MEDICAL CORPS
- ORDINANCE
- QUARTER MASTER
- SIGNAL
- TRANSPORTATION

OFFICER VACANCIES IN DEARNG



- Lieutenants
(2 years 2LT, 2 years 1LT)
- Captains
(4 years)
- Major
(4 years)

ACCESSION BONUS



Currently there is a \$10,000 accession bonus for newly appointed officer once they complete BOLC and OBC with a 6 year commitment.

Contact Information



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