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ORTHOPEDIC SPECIALTY COURSE PREREQUISITES CRS 304-P1

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This course is available to Active Army soldiers Specialist and below and Army Reserve soldiers Sergeant and below, whose primary MOS is 91W. This course is also available to United States Navy personnel and DOD Civilians. The minimum time in **service (TIS) remaining requirement for Active Army soldiers is 11 months** and for the Army Reserve it is 24 months. Prior to departure from home station, soldiers are required to re-enlist or extend their term of enlistment in order to meet the time in service remaining requirement. Soldiers reporting to the AMEDDC&S not meeting this requirement will not be enrolled for training. Height and weight standards listed in AR 600-9 must be met. Enlisted women who are pregnant must be processed IAW AR 635-200. Soldiers must have a High school diploma or GED equivalency. Normal manual dexterity and good near vision (with or without corrective lenses) are required.

SPECIAL INFORMATION: Active Army soldiers must request training by submitting a DA Form 4187 to PERSCOM. A copy of their ERB and letters of recommendation should be included in their packet. This is an inter-service training course.

Air Force students complete their Phase 2 training through on the job training at the next assigned duty station. The Navy uses Audie Murphy Veterans Hospital, San Antonio, Texas as its sole Phase 2 training site. Air Force and Navy students must meet equivalent course prerequisites unless modified by agreement with the host service. USAF students must have a minimum GT of 60 or higher and must complete USAF Course J3AOR4N131 OOO, Surgical Service Apprentice Course, at Sheppard AFB, Texas. Navy students must have completed the B-300-0010, Basic Hospital Corpsman Course and have a minimum ASVAB score of 100. The minimum service remaining time requirement for Air Force is 24 months. The minimum service remaining time requirement for Navy personnel is 36 months.

ALL REQUEST FOR WAIVERS BY ARMY PERSONNEL MUST BE SUBMITTED TO: CDR, AMEDD C&S, AMEDD Personnel Proponent Directorate, ATTN: MCCS-DE, 1400 E. Grayson Street, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234-5052.

COURSE SCOPE

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Phase 1 (6 weeks) is conducted at the AMEDDC&S, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Phase 2 (6 weeks) is conducted at designated medical treatment facilities. **The total course length is 12 weeks.** The 304-P1 Course provides students with a general knowledge of anatomy and physiology, medical terminology, and the care and handling of orthopedic patients. Students assist in the management and operations of the Orthopedic Clinic and in the treatment and care of patients with orthopedic conditions and injuries, under the supervision of a/an Orthopedic Physician, Orthopedic Physician Assistant, or Podiatrist. Students assist in minor surgery; fabricate, modify, and remove casts and splints; perform traction procedures; and provide education on proper care and use of orthopedic appliances, soft goods, equipment and materials.