

Navy Clinical Psychology



Positions for Licensed Psychologists





Application Information:

- The application process starts by contacting a Navy Medical Programs Officer recruiter.
- To locate the Medical Programs Officer Recruiter nearest you, go to: <http://www.navy.com/careers/healthcare/>
- Click on “Find a Recruiter” at the bottom of the page.
- Type in your zip code, then click on “Officer Recruiter.”
- Ask specifically to speak with a Medical Programs Officer Recruiter.
- For additional assistance at any time, you are invited to contact Dr. John Ralph, (National Director for Navy Psychology Training Programs) at john.a.ralph.civ@mail.mil.

Fully-trained and licensed Navy psychologists apply their expertise in a wide variety of settings. Many of these are comparable to civilian settings, such as those at hospital-based mental health clinics. However, Navy psychologists also serve in roles that are unique to the Navy. These include working as a psychologist aboard an aircraft carrier, with a submarine squadron, with Marine Corps units, or with Special Operations units such as the Navy SEALs. Clinical practice involves conducting evaluations, engaging in treatment planning, and providing therapy from a wide variety of theoretical perspectives.



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1. Applicants must have graduated from an APA-accredited doctoral program (Ph.D. or Psy.D.) in Clinical or Counseling Psychology.
2. Applicants must have completed an APA-accredited internship (waiverable for those who have completed an APA-accredited post-doc or achieved ABPP board certification).
3. All applicants must attend the 5-week Officer Development School in Newport, Rhode Island before reporting to their first duty station.
4. U.S. Citizenship is required.
5. Applicants must be less than 42-years-old at the time of commissioning.
6. Applicants must meet medical, height/weight, and security clearance criteria for appointment as a commissioned Naval Officer.

Position Information

- Applicants are commissioned as Lieutenants (O-3) in the US Navy Medical Service Corps
- All active duty receive health and dental benefits for themselves and their dependents, Thrift Savings Plan, military retirement plan, life insurance, 30 days paid vacation, and access to commissaries and other military facilities. Psychologists are also eligible for Incentive Pay and Board Certification Pay.
- Standard compensation consists of your base salary (active duty O-3), plus non-taxable allowances, including a variable allowance for housing.
- In addition to your regular salary and benefits, selectees are eligible for an accession bonus of up to \$60,000, and/or student loan repayments. These benefits vary from year to year.
- Initial commitment is for 3 years (more if you accept both loan repayment and accession bonus).



The Job of a Navy Psychologist

Newly commissioned psychologists engage primarily in direct patient care in Navy hospitals, located either in the U.S. or overseas. Overseas hospitals are primarily located in Japan, Italy, and Spain.

Clients are mainly adults, both active duty and non-active duty family members. Clients are ethnically diverse, presenting with a wide range of mental health issues.

With increased experience and rank, psychologists typically assume positions of leadership as clinic directors or as department heads in mental health and substance abuse programs, while also continuing their own clinical activities.

Should one choose to stay beyond one's initial service obligation, psychologists have the opportunity to provide clinical service, education, and preventive services in a variety of operational settings, including aboard ship, with Special Forces units, and with the Marine Corps.

Mid-level and senior psychologists are eligible for executive positions at major medical centers and other headquarters-level military commands.



Helpful links:

Navy Psychology Accessions Page (Direct Accession):

<https://tricare.mil/mtf/WalterReed/About-Us/Navy-Psychology-Training/Licensed-Direct-Accession>

Navy Recruiting Web Site:

<https://www.navy.com/careers/clinical-psychology>

Navy Psychology Recruiting Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/navypsychologyrecruitment/>

Officer Development School:

<https://www.netc.navy.mil/Commands/Naval-Service-Training-Command/OTCN/ODS/>



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