

The U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps protects, promotes, and advances the health and safety of the Nation. With more than 6,800 officers, the Commissioned Corps is one of the seven uniformed services of the United States and is part of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). As the world's foremost uniformed public health service, the Corps is composed entirely of officers who have been commissioned on the basis of their health-related training. The Commissioned Corps offers opportunities for students to serve their country while completing their education. If you are interested in a public health career in uniform, we encourage you to apply to the Junior Commissioned Officer Student Training and Extern Program (JRCOSTEP) or the Senior Commissioned Officer Student Training and Extern Program (SRCOSTEP). We also offer a National Pharmacy Residency Program with Indian Health Service that is highly competitive and offers extensive training after completing your pharmacy studies. Please refer below for the specific descriptions of each program:

JRCOSTEP: This program allows students to gain valuable professional experience with the Commissioned Corps early in their education. Currently we are taking applications for the following disciplines: Engineers, Environmental Health and Pharmacy. Applicants must be enrolled full-time in an accredited baccalaureate or graduate program. JRCOSTEP assignments are located throughout the country and participants work during their official academic breaks (usually during the summer months) for periods of 31 to 90 days. JRCOSTEP participants do not have an obligation to serve in the Commissioned Corps after graduation. Students hold the rank of Ensign (01) during the program. If you know someone who would be interested in this opportunity encourage them to contact the Corps' call center at 1-800-279-1605 or go to www.usphs.gov for more information. **Individuals interested in this opportunity must initiate the application process by 13 December 2013 for assignments during the summer of 2014.**

SRCOSTEP: This is a competitive program designed to assist students financially during their final academic year of professional health care training. In return, these students agree to work for the Commissioned Corps after graduation for twice the time sponsored. The program is currently taking applications for students enrolled full time in an accredited program in the following areas of study: Medical Laboratory Scientist, Nurse, Nurse Practitioner (if already possess a BSN then not eligible for program), Pharmacy, Physical Therapist and Physician Assistant. SRCOSTEPs hold the rank of Ensign (01) during the program. If you know someone who would be interested in this opportunity encourage them to contact the Corps' call center at 1-800-279-1605 or go to www.usphs.gov for more information. **Individuals interested in this opportunity must initiate the application process by 13 December 2013.**

Pharmacy Resident (IHS): The Indian Health Service residencies offer an excellent opportunity to learn in a progressive practice setting how to help improve the healthcare of Native Americans. Enjoy learning in a multidisciplinary and friendly team environment. The practice setting, cultural diversity, and recreational opportunities will make this your most rewarding pharmacy experience! For more information please visit this website: <http://www.ihs.gov/pharmacy/resident/>. **The application deadline for this program is 27 December 2013.**

We hope you consider a highly competitive training program with Commissioned Corp during your continued studies.