

USPHS Qualifications

Have you read the potentially disqualifying security and suitability conditions listed in the link below?

The following situations and circumstances are potentially disqualifying for active duty commissioning in the United States Public Health Service. Please read the list carefully.

- Military Discharges: other than Honorable (Includes a character review and further assessment of separation and reenlistment codes).
- Military disciplinary proceedings/court martial.
- Employment: Fired, quit or left under unfavorable circumstances.
- Financial: Delinquent on any debt. (Foreclosures, Federal and State tax liens, unpaid child support, student loans (does not include forbearance or deferment), bankruptcy require court documentation; all other accounts must be up to date).
- Recent illegal drug use; possession or distribution charges/convictions.
- Alcohol related charges/convictions.
- Violence/Domestic Violence charges/convictions.
- Felony Criminal Charges/convictions.
- Civil court actions.
- Pending criminal charges/convictions.
- Certain medical conditions (see partial list of conditions listed below)

1. Are you a citizen of United States of America? **(must be YES to apply)**
2. Do you have a Grade Point Average of 2.8 or above (on 4.0 scale)?
3. Have you reviewed the partial list of disqualifying medical conditions?

The list below represents a partial listing of conditions that are disqualifications for appointment in the USPHS*:

1. Diabetes Mellitus: History and/or presence of Type I, Type II, Gestational diabetes
2. Disorders of calcium metabolism
3. Impaired glucose tolerance/pre-diabetes
4. Human Immunodeficiency Virus/AIDS
5. Chronic Hepatitis B or C
6. Liver cirrhosis (regardless of type or cause)
7. Abnormal liver function studies, jaundice, enlarged liver
8. Syphilis (untreated)
9. Tuberculosis (untreated latent TB; active TB)
10. Asthma: chronic persistent or mild intermittent depending upon symptoms, pharmacologic therapy and pulmonary function tests (PFTs)
11. Blood Abnormalities: abnormal blood counts (white or red cell; platelets)
12. Cardiac: abnormal cardiac rate, rhythm and/or conduction in the presence of organic heart disease; pacemaker or implantable defibrillator
13. Impaired Hearing: hearing loss that does not meet USPHS accession standards
14. Impaired vision: visual acuity that does not meet USPHS accession standards

15. Pregnancy and the Post-partum period (until either 43 days post-vaginal [uncomplicated] delivery or 56 days [uncomplicated] post-Caesarian section delivery)
16. Obesity: weight in excess of maximum acceptable USPHS weight standards
17. Dyslipidemia
18. Hypertension
19. Abnormal Pap Smear: high grade or advanced intraepithelial lesions; atypical glandular cells of undetermined significance.
20. Abnormal urinalysis results: proteinuria, pyuria, hematuria, glucosuria

****This list is not all inclusive.***