



Marine Enlisted Commissioning Program (MECEP)

Overview

The MECEP is a commissioning program for specifically selected enlisted Marines leading to a baccalaureate degree and a commission in the United States Marine Corps. During their participation in the MECEP, Marines are attached to Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) units at host universities, where they are held to the highest standards of conduct, fitness, and academic achievement.



Candidates are selected by an annual board series at Marine Corps Recruiting Command (MCRC). Accepted Marines attend a 10-week course at Officer Candidates School (OCS) prior to starting their education. Upon successful completion of OCS and acceptance to an undergraduate institution, MECEP students receive orders to a NROTC unit.

Basic Eligibility Requirements

- United States Citizen
- Ages between 20-35
- Active Duty or Active Reserve (AR) Status
- E-5 and Above
- (3) Years Time In Service
- (1) Year Left on Contract
- Minimum (12) or more College Credits with at least (3) math or science credits and (3) English credits earned

AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TEST SCORES

- Minimum AFQT of 74
- Minimum SAT of 1000 (Math and Critical Reading Only)
- Minimum ACT Composite Score of 22

For additional information, visit:

<https://www.mcrc.marines.mil/Marine-Officer/Officer-Naval-Enlisted-Applicants/>



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The primary goal of the MECEP is the professional development of each student into a future Platoon Commander capable of leading Marines into combat. Attitude, perception, and professional values are honed through training, education, and leadership opportunities within the unit. Drawing upon a wealth of fleet experience, MECEP students contribute to the professional development of their Midshipmen peers through engaged mentorship.

Students must complete academic requirements consisting of three parts: the institution's baccalaureate degree program with a selected academic major, NROTC-specified courses (offered by the institution), and Naval Science courses. MECEP students are required to maintain a full-time student status during the academic year and summer in order to graduate as soon as possible - not to exceed four years.

MECEP students are eligible for special programs, such as summer research projects, workshops, seminars, and study abroad.



Prospective Marine officers are expected to achieve high levels of physical fitness. Accordingly, all MECEP students participate in regularly scheduled physical training during their tour of duty at the NROTC unit. They are required to meet the physical fitness standards specified in MCO 6100.13A.

Additional guidance is contained in MCO 1040.43B and the annual MARADMIN.

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