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BUMED INSTRUCTION 1500.23

From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

Subj: INSTITUTIONAL AND PROGRAMMATIC ACCREDITATION OF MEDICAL  
DEPARTMENT ENLISTED TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Ref: (a) U.S. Department of Education Nationally Recognized  
Accrediting Agencies and Associations (NOTAL)  
(b) Handbook of Accreditation: Accrediting Commission,  
Council on Occupational Education

1. Purpose. To establish policy for the accreditation of  
enlisted technical training institutions and specialized allied  
health and dental programs for the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery  
(BUMED).

2. Cancellation. HSETCINST 1500.7.

3. Scope. Applies to all Medical Department enlisted technical  
education and training institutions.

4. Definitions

a. Accreditation. An extensive process of peer review by an  
external group or council recognized by the U.S. Department of  
Education whereby public recognition is granted to the entire  
institution or to a specialized educational program for meeting  
predetermined standards, review, and continued evaluation.  
Reference (a) contains the Secretary of Education's recognized  
accrediting agencies and associations and is available from the  
Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, 2300 E Street, NW,  
Washington, DC 20372-5300 (Attn: MED-537).

b. Institutional Accreditation. A process of peer review by  
an external association whereby the entire institution has met  
predetermined standards, review, and continued evaluation.

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c. Programmatic Accreditation. A process of peer review by external subject matter content experts in a specialized allied health or dental program, within the accredited institution, whereby the program has met predetermined standards, review, and continued evaluation.

5. Policy

a. All BUMED technical training institutions providing "A" and "C" school education and training shall meet the standards of, and be institutionally accredited by, the Council on Occupational Education (COE). In this regard, adherence to the standards of the COE, reference (b), is required.

b. All BUMED allied health and dental educational programs shall be accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Educational Programs (CAAHEP), or by the professional organization outside of the CAAHEP, for which the Navy Medical Department has a counterpart educational program listed in reference (a). In this regard, adherence to the standards of the allied health or dental accrediting agency is required.

c. Deviation from the standards in references (a) and (b) requires BUMED approval.

6. Accreditation Funding. BUMED will centrally fund the following services with the appropriate accrediting association:

a. The annual membership dues covering MED-05 and all branch campuses.

b. The cost of the accrediting association's evaluation team visit for initial accreditation and reaffirmation.

c. The temporary additional duty (TAD) expense for the MED-05 appointed representative to attend the COE Annual Institutional Delegate Assembly and the CAAHEP annual meeting.

d. The expense of producing, publishing, and mailing the Self-Study Report to the accrediting association.

7. Action

a. All enlisted technical training institutions conducting education and training under BUMED cognizance shall ensure that conditions, standards, criteria, and requirements for full accreditation are met as directed by the MED-05 Accreditation Program Manager.

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b. The MED-05 Accreditation Program Manager shall maintain cognizance of all institutional and programmatic accreditation requirements, provide direction and guidance to the school commands, and serve as direct liaison with universities, colleges, COE, CAAHEP, and professional associations.

  
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