

9.12.1.1.8. Cadet completes paperwork and returns it to detachment, detachment sends completed contract/pay package and copy of commissioning physical to HQ AFPC/DPAMW.

9.12.1.1.9. Detachment commissions cadet as a line officer in the Air Force upon graduation and reappoints cadet into the BSC upon approval from AFPC..

9.12.2. The **MSC** is a non-line officer career field in healthcare administration. Undergraduate qualifying degrees to apply for the MSC have historically included Health Care Administration, Hospital Administration, Health Services Administration, Health Administration, Public Administration, Business Administration, Business Management, Health Management and Policy, Information Systems Management, Computer Science, Finance, Accounting, Statistics, Marketing, Economics, Clinical or Health Systems Engineering, or other closely-related degree as specified in the MSC Applicant Information Guide published annually by HQ AFPC/DPAMS. Cadets (or detachments with cadets) interested in applying should contact HQ AFPC/DPAMS at DSN 665-4094 or Comm (210) 565-4094 NLT the Spring Semester of the AS300 (junior) year for application instructions. (Reference the AFPC Medical Service Corps Officer Webpage at <https://kx.afms.mil/mscutilizationandeducation>).

9.12.3 Cadets must obtain written approval from HQ AFPC/DPSIP to apply for either of these selection boards. In addition, cadets categorized as a pilot, RPA, combat systems officer, or ABM are ineligible to apply for these programs unless they have a waiver from HQ AFROTC/RRFP.

9.12.4. Application procedures for BSC/MS. Application procedures for BSC/MS. Seniors must have an appropriate academic degree according to AFI 36-2101, *Classifying Military Personnel (Officer and Enlisted)*, and according to the annual program announcements/accession guides published by HQ AFPC/DPAMW (for BSCs) or DPAMS (for MSCs). All other application procedures will be identified via ARMS each year. Approvals are based on applicant's own merit, but are specifically driven by production goals and Air Force needs.

9.12.5. Qualified cadets may independently apply for an Air Force medical technology internship and other health programs such as the Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP) if released by HQ AFPC/DPSIP. The Biomedical Sciences Corps will annually provide HQ AFROTC information on the programs available during that fiscal year.

9.13. Special Tactics Officer (STO). The STO programs offer qualified male officers a unique opportunity for field leadership. Those interested in STO should download the current application from the "Officer Opportunities" section at <http://afsoc.af.mil/specialtactics>.

9.13.1. **Career Field Description.** STOs are career special operators that lead Special Tactics (ST) forces in the full spectrum of military operations. Special Tactics Squadrons (STS) consist of combat controllers (CCT), pararescuemen (PJs), special operations weathermen (SOWT), and tactical air control specialists (TACP). ST personnel are designated as combat forces assigned to Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC).

ST core competencies include assault zone assessment, establishment, and control; combat search and rescue/personnel recovery; battlefield trauma care; terminal attack control (controlling and sequencing air strikes); and tactical weather observations and forecasting. ST forces execute a wide variety of missions such as: Direct Action, Counter-Terrorism, Foreign Internal Defense, Unconventional Warfare, Humanitarian Assistance, Coalition Support, Counter-Drug, Combat Search and Rescue, and Special Reconnaissance missions. STOs routinely operate alongside their joint special operations teammates, including members of the Army's Special Forces Groups and Ranger Regiment, the Marine Special Operations Battalions, and the Navy SEAL Teams. Operating in all climates, day or night, ST forces maintain the highest standards of physical fitness, proficiency in the use of mission specific equipment, light and heavy weapons, and demolitions.

9.13.2. **Training.** All candidates are required to complete the STO training pipeline. This includes the Combat Control Selection Course (4 weeks), Combat Control Operator Course (15 weeks), Army Airborne School (3 weeks), SERE School (3 weeks), Combat Control Apprentice Course (13 weeks), SCUBA School (4 weeks), Military Freefall School (4 weeks), and an additional year of advanced skills training. Many STOs will also become qualified as Joint Terminal Attack Controllers, Instructors and Evaluators (JTAC) and Static-Line and Freefall Jumpmasters.

9.13.3. **Application Procedures.** Cadets should apply during their junior year (for a 4-year program cadet) or senior year (for 5 year program cadets). There are two selection cycles per year (Fall and Spring). This allows the cadet adequate time to prepare for and complete all selection requirements. AFPC will currently allow cadets classified in another career field to apply for STO prior to commissioning. See current STO application on the AFROTC website for specific application requirements.

9.14. Combat Rescue Officer (CRO). CROs (13DXA) are non-rated aircrew officers that lead and command personnel recovery operations as direct combatants for HQ ACC. They perform duties as mission planners and provide personnel recovery (PR) expertise to command and battle staffs on recovery operations, to include survival, evasion, resistance, and escape programs.

9.14.1. **Career Field Description.** CROs provide advocacy and oversight to the Pararescue and Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE) enlisted career fields. The primary mission of a combat rescue team is to provide rescue and recovery capability and emergency medical treatment, in both peacetime and combat situations, while in austere, permissive, and non-permissive environments. Personnel deploy by air-land-sea tactics into forward, non-permissive environments, and participate in a wide variety of PR operations, to include Search and Rescue (SAR), SAR Security Teams and Combat SAR missions. Combat Rescue Officers lead and command combat rescue operations as direct combatants.

9.14.2. **Training.** All candidates are required to complete the STO training pipeline as described in 9.13.2.

9.14.3. **Application Procedures.** Cadets may apply after completion of FT and prior to the awarding of an AFSC. AFPC will allow cadets classified in another career field to apply for STO prior to commissioning. Therefore, Air Combat Command (ACC) will accept

applications from any junior or senior if they can be released from their AFSC. CRO selections are made at HQ ACC/A3J. Applications should be emailed to HQ ACC/A3J at cro.selection@langley.af.mil. The CRO selection process normally has two phases: board selection phase followed by a summer capabilities selection process. Selected applicants will be invited to attend Phase II Selection, normally the last week of March and September, respectively. This will be a TDY for the cadet. See current CRO application on the AFROTC website for specific application requirements.

9.15. STO/CRO Eligibility Criteria. Cadets must:

9.15.1. Be male. These programs are currently not available to females IAW Department of Defense (DoD) policy.

9.15.2. Be able to obtain a Top Secret Security Clearance after Phase II selection.

9.15.3. Have three years retainability.

9.15.4. Be a volunteer for hazardous, parachute, and combat diver (scuba) duties.

9.15.5. Have an outstanding cadet resume.

9.15.6. Be able to obtain a FCIII physical for Combat Control, Marine Diving and Airborne Duty after Phase II selection.

9.15.7. Cadets selected for rated categorization may apply for STO/CRO programs but must decline their rated category if selected to be a STO/CRO.

9.15.8. Be in excellent physical condition. As a minimum, an applicant must be able to satisfactorily complete the Physical Ability Stamina Test consisting of underwater and surface swims, running and calisthenics exercises (pull-ups, flutter kicks, push-ups, and sit-ups).

9.16. Basic Meteorology Program (BMP). The BMP is an Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) program that provides AFROTC cadets the opportunity for an assignment in the 15WX career field. (Refer questions pertaining to BMP to AFIT/ENEL (DSN 785-2259 x3003 or 1-800-543-3577 x3003). **NOTE:** Cadets categorized as a rated are ineligible to apply for these programs unless they have a waiver from HQ AFROTC/RRFP.

9.16.1. BMP is an opportunity for newly accessed officers to pursue a post-baccalaureate program, with follow-on inclusion into the weather officer career field (15W). The program is managed by AFIT Civilian Institutions Programs, averages approximately 11 months in length, and consists of a minimum of 24 semester hours of upper-level (possibly some graduate) courses in meteorology, with three full semesters of course work in meteorology (normally 45 credit hours). Collateral study in mathematics and computer science may be included as part of the program.

9.16.2. Cadets wishing to be considered for this program should possess a bachelor's degree in a technical field such as mathematics or physics upon commissioning. Students can be