Overview: The U.S. Navy Global Health Specialists Program (GHSP) is the foundation of the Navy global health engagement (GHE) community. Active and reserve component officers from all Medical Department Officer Corps are highly trained and experienced in critical areas of security cooperation, public health, diplomacy and other global health competencies. Global Health Specialists (GHS) fill positions across the DOD, interagency and international communities in support of Navy, Marine Corps and DoD missions. All applicants who meet the minimal requirements will be awarded the GHS AQD and are eligible to be an active member of the GHSP. The GHSP is two tiered and members are classified as either Professional or Associate based on rank, experience, education and training and evaluation of personal precepts. This program is designed to create highly trained global health professional to operate in any environment.

How to apply for the GHS AQD and Program: Each applicant is responsible for providing the necessary documentation to support their application.

Eligibility
Designators: 210X, 220X, 230X, 290X
Grades: O3 and above
Manpower Type: Active and Reserve

Experience
Applicants must have served in a CONUS or OCONUS capacity in support of global health activities or missions. Applicants must have participated in planning and/or execution, with exposure to implementation of U.S. strategy, international diplomacy, cultural awareness, host nation-centered assistance, strategic communications and administration.

AQD and Associate: minimum of 3 months (applicants must show participation in planning and/or execution)
Professional: minimum of 1 year (applicants must show participation in all phases of the project cycle to include assessment, and must possess an understanding of the funding process)

Education and Training
Applicants must obtain the identified global health competencies via degree, short course, certificate-based education and training and/or thru experience. (Core Competencies; International Diplomacy, Joint and Interagency Planning and Coordination, Mission Planning and Coordination, Host Nation-centered Healthcare, Communications and Capacity and Capability Building)

AQD and Associate: certificate-based education and training and/or courses.
Professional: Security Cooperation training/experience and Graduate level education (i.e. Joint Professional Military Education (JPME), Masters or Doctorate level coursework, Graduate Certificate/Diploma and or Fellowships covering the applicable core competencies).

Supporting Documents, Endorsements and Interviews
Supporting documentation such as degrees, certificates and syllabi of coursework are required to show proof of completion and applicability. Documents from current/former COs, XOs, OIC, supervisors or FITREPS that reflect professional experience and/or deployment activities that achieved GHE competencies are required in order to receive credit. All GHSP applicants are asked to submit an up-to-date CV and Bio.

AQD: Endorsement from current CO/XO or OIC or leadership.
Associate and Professional: Endorsement from current CO/XO or OIC with review of personal precepts (applicants may have personal precept review completed by other in their change of command or from prior commands). GHS applicants offered professional status must undergo a short interview by the GHEO via phone or in person.

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