

# NORTH CAROLINA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD COMMISSIONING OPTIONS



## Appointment Standards:

US citizenship

90 sh of college

Secret security clearance

GT score of 110 or higher

Completion of Basic Combat Training

Chapter 2 commissioning physical within 24 months prior to appointment

SAT of 850 or ACT of 19 within last 10 years (waiverable with four-year degree)

Waiver for any convictions other than minor traffic violations with fine of \$300 or less

Maximum age of 30 at time of commissioning (waiverable to age 35 by TAG, beyond age 35 by NGB)

Provided appointment standards outlined above are met, NCARNG soldiers are eligible for commissioning through the following programs:

## **STATE OCS**

An 18-month program conducted by the NC Military Academy at Fort Bragg, NC. Begins in March and concludes in August of the following year. Consists of four weekend orientations in March, April, and May; a two-week annual training period in June; one weekend drill per month from July through the following July; and a second annual training in August. [Only 60 sh required to enroll in State OCS, but must have 90 sh to graduate.]

## **ACCELERATED OCS**

An eight-week program conducted through the NC Military Academy at Fort Bragg. Begins with four weekend orientations in March, April, and May, conducted simultaneously with those for the State OCS program, followed by two weeks in June at Fort Jackson, SC; four weeks in June/July at Fort Indiantown Gap, PA; and two weeks in July/August at Fort McClellan, AL. Candidates are commissioned in August with the graduating class from the NC Military Academy. Approval for this training is based on the availability of funds.

## **FEDERAL OCS**

A 14-week program conducted at Fort Benning, GA. Seven or eight schools offered per year (varies each year). Approval for this training is based on the availability of funds.

## **DIRECT COMMISSION**

Available for basic and special branch (AMEDD/JAG/CH) officers. For basic branch officers, in addition to the above-listed Appointment Standards, must have two years of active service in any component (to include reserve components), one year of active status in the Army National Guard, and a four-year degree. Must be E-5 or higher (or E-4 with PLDC). Not authorized for individuals who were disenrolled, dropped, or resigned from OCS; or those who were former conscientious objectors, require civil conviction waivers, or were discharged due to failure to complete any required military education course. Special branch officers must meet criteria and regulatory requirements unique to their particular field.

## **ROTC**

Available at Appalachian State University, Campbell University, Duke University, East Carolina University, Elizabeth City State University, North Carolina A&T State University, North Carolina State University, Saint Augustine's College, University of North Carolina, UNC-Charlotte, and Wake Forest University, as well as their satellite schools. Commissioning age is lower than for the other programs listed above, and GT score of 110 is not required. Approval is based on ROTC criteria and regulatory requirements. [A Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty (GRFD) contract will ensure assignment to the National Guard, rather than active duty.]

For additional information on any of these programs, call 1-800-621-4136 Ext. 6503  
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