

CHART 7—Women's Medical Specialist Corps career pattern

Period	Years Service	School eligibility					
	Retirement						
Definitive	22		Training for Positions of High Responsibility				
	21		After 14 years of service, officers are eligible for selection to the grade of major. Those selected will be given tours of duty in responsible assignments. Assignments to positions of responsibility progress according to demonstrated ability. Supervisory assignments at general hospitals, headquarters of Army areas, theaters of operations, and training centers, and the Surgeon General's Office.				
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	15		Dietitian Section	Physical Therapist Section	Occupational Therapist Section		
	14		Advanced associate branch courses <sup>2</sup>	Advanced professional training <sup>1</sup>	a. Hospital Food Service Supervisor, general or station hospital, or Educational Director, Dietetic Division, Medical Field Service School, or —	a. Assistant or Chief Physical Therapist, general hospital.	a. Chief or Assistant Chief Occupational Therapist, general hospital.
	13				b. Therapeutic Diets Supervisor, general or station hospital, or —	b. Sectional Supervisor and Personnel Administrator, general hospital, or Instructor, Advanced Professional Training Course.	b. Chief Occupational Therapist, station hospital, or Instructor, Basic Training Course.
12	c. Training Dietitian, general or station hospital, or —	c. Head Physical Therapist, station hospital, or instructor, Basic Training Course.			c. Unit Chief, general hospital.		
11	d. Food Clinic Dietitian, general hospital.	d. Unit Supervision and Personnel Administration and Instruction.			d. Clinical research.		
10	e. Advanced professional courses (civilian or military or both).	e. Clinical research.			e. Specialized application.		
9	f. Unit Supervision, general or station hospital.	f. Specialized application.			f. General application.		
Specialized training	8	Advanced professional training <sup>1</sup>	g. Advanced course in hospital mess administration.	g. General application. Upon completion of Advanced Professional Training Course, outstanding officers become eligible for postgraduate professional training or personnel management in selected civilian installations.	Following the basic training period, officers will be assigned to advanced professional training. Outstanding personnel may then be eligible for postgraduate professional or administrative study in a civilian institution.		
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Basic training	2	Basic Medical Department Female Officers' Course <sup>2</sup>					
	1	Following basic course, each officer will be assigned for at least 1 year in supervised practice in the specialty concerned in a general hospital and at least 1 year in a station hospital.					

<sup>1</sup> Mandatory courses for physical and occupational therapists. <sup>2</sup> Mandatory courses for all officers.

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