Why Apply for Sr. COSTEP at the Federal Bureau of Prisons?

★ $3000+ per month just to complete your academic training.
★ No stress over finding a job after graduation.
★ Great experience for your resume or CV.
★ Full uniformed services salary and benefits, including non-taxable allowances, and NO-COST health care.
★ 30 days paid leave per year, plus sick and maternity leave as medically necessary.
★ Malpractice coverage.
★ Mobility - maintain license in one state or territory, and work at any of our facilities.
★ Annual Continuing Education allowances.

Plus the satisfaction of knowing you are serving your country in a critical capacity.


Deadline: Application must be postmarked by December 31 for applicants whose final school year begins in the Fall/Summer of the following year. For example: the deadline is Dec. 31, 2007 if your final academic year begins in the Summer or Fall of 2008.

INTERESTED?
Contact Us To Learn More

The Federal Bureau of Prisons correctional and health services staff fulfill a vital role in ensuring that the nation’s federal inmate population receives appropriate and humane treatment in accordance with federal regulations and established standards of care.

If you are interested in joining the Federal Bureau of Prisons health services team and would like more information about Senior COSTEP, the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service, or the Federal Bureau of Prisons, please contact

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For general information about the Federal Bureau of Prisons, including institution locations, links to individual institution websites, minimum qualifications, and application procedures, visit our website at www.bop.gov.

The Federal Bureau of Prisons is an equal opportunity employer.

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There’s a program that...

Pays you over $25,000 just to go to school?
Guarantees you a great career in your field after graduation?
Provides FREE MEDICAL & DENTAL benefits

PLUS
30 days paid leave per year?

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Senior COSTEP: Commissioned Officer Student Training and Extern Program
What is Senior COSTEP?

The Senior Commissioned Officer Student Training and Extern Program (COSTEP) is offered by the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) Commissioned Corps to attract highly motivated students to the Corps.

Students in select fields of study are commissioned as Ensigns (O-1) in the PHS during the last year of academic study toward their qualifying degree.

As an Ensign, the COSTEP student receives base pay (currently $2416.20 for officers without prior active duty service), plus non-taxable allowances for subsistence and housing (varies with geographic location and dependency status). The average level of support totals nearly $3500/month.

In return for financial support, COSTEP participants agree to an assignment at the sponsoring government agency after graduation equal to twice the period of sponsorship. For example, if a student is sponsored for a period of 9 months, his or her payback obligation would be 18 months.

After graduation, the COSTEP officers are promoted to a higher rank, depending on specialty, and receive salary and allowances commensurate with their rank.

Where can Sr COSTEP Participants work?

The Federal Bureau of Prisons, a component of the United States Department of Justice, is responsible for managing and operating all federal correctional facilities in the U.S.

The Bureau is committed to providing effective health care in accordance with proven standards of care to all inmates within its institutions. It is a great place for recent graduates to gain invaluable clinical experience, while serving an oft-forgotten population and helping to protect the public health of the nation.

With over 100 federal institutions across the country, including 6 medical centers, there are numerous opportunities available for those who want to make a difference.

The Federal Bureau of Prisons offers Senior COSTEP opportunities in the following clinical specialties:

- Registered Nurses (B.S.N.)
- Nurse Practitioners
- Pharmacists
- Dentists
- Physicians
- Physician Assistants
- Physical Therapists

To qualify, applicants must:

- Be a U.S. citizen.
- Be under 44 years of age at graduation.
- Meet medical requirements.
- Pass a background investigation.
- Be enrolled as a full-time student in an accredited program leading to a commissionable degree.
- Have at least 8 months educational commitment remaining in the final year.
- Be without any obligation or commitment that would prevent the completion of your active duty service obligation.