

**AFSC 44P4\*, Staff**  
**AFSC 44P3\*, Qualified**  
**AFSC 44P1\*, Entry**

**★PSYCHIATRIST**  
**(Changed 31 Oct 23)**

**1. Specialty Summary.** Examines, evaluates, diagnoses, and treats psychiatric disorders; manages and directs psychiatric services.  
 Related DoD Occupational Group: 260125.

**2. Duties and Responsibilities:**

2.1. Examines, evaluates, diagnoses, and treats psychiatric disorders. Prepares and reviews case histories and obtains and evaluates data through interview techniques. Diagnoses psychiatric disorders. Prescribes and evaluates effectiveness of a wide range of therapeutic measures. Recommends disposition of psychiatric cases.

2.2. Manages and directs psychiatric services. Formulates plans for psychiatric services. Directs mental health clinics. Advises on problems related to mental health and prevention of mental disorders. Serves as medical and psychiatric consultant to clinical psychologists and clinical social workers. Assigns psychiatric nurses and technicians to functions contributing to the diagnosis and treatment of patients. Advises on kind and quantity of psychiatric supplies and equipment. Coordinates psychiatric services with other medical activities. Instructs interns and residents in psychiatric principles and procedures. Serves as consultant on psychiatry.

**3. ★Specialty Qualifications:**

3.1. Knowledge. Fulfillment of education requirement satisfies this requirement.

3.2. Education. For entry into this specialty, a Doctor of Medicine degree or a doctor of osteopathy degree from an approved school of medicine or osteopathy is mandatory.

3.3. Training. Not used.

3.4. Experience. For award of AFSC 44P3, completion of residency or fellowship in psychiatry acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF, is mandatory. For award of AFSC 44P3X, completion of a suffix-specific fellowship program acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF, is mandatory.

3.5. Other. The following are mandatory:

3.5.1. For entry and retention of AFSC 44P1, current enrollment in a psychiatry residency program acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF. For entry and retention of AFSC 44P1X, current enrollment in a suffix-specific residency program acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF.

3.5.2. For award and retention of AFSCs 44P3X/4X:

3.5.2.1. ★Must obtain and maintain clinical privileges IAW DHA-PM 6025.13 Vol 4 and/or AFI 44-119, when applicable (or be immediately eligible for said privileges if assigned to a non-clinical position).

3.5.2.2. A state license to practice medicine.

3.5.3. ★For retention of AFSCs 44P3X/4X, must not have a revocation of privileges or permanent and substantial reduction, restriction, or denial of privileges IAW DHA-PM 6025.13 Vol 4 and/or AFI 44-119, when applicable.

**4. ★\*Specialty Shredouts:**

*Suffix      Portion of AFS to Which Related*

- A      Child Psychiatry
- B      Forensic Psychiatry
- ★C     ★Addictions Psychiatry
- ★D     ★Psychosomatic Psychiatry
- ★E     ★Neuropsychiatry