

AFSC 44Y4*, Staff
 AFSC 44Y3*, Qualified
 AFSC 44Y1*, Entry

★CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE
(Changed 31 Oct 23)

1. Specialty Summary. Examines, diagnoses, and treats, by surgical and nonsurgical means, diseases and injuries in critical care units. Manages critical care activities. Related DoD Occupational Group: 260105

2. Duties and Responsibilities:

2.1. Examines, diagnoses, and treats diseases and injuries by surgical and nonsurgical means. Prepares and reviews case histories and obtains data through interviews. Examines patients and determines x-ray examinations and clinical laboratory tests required. Interprets test results and evaluates examination findings. Prescribes treatment, such as drugs, physical therapy, dietary regimens, and surgical procedures for diseases and injuries. Coordinates treatment with other specialists. Treats patients suffering from surgical shock, postoperative hemorrhages, respiratory failure, and other complications.

2.2. Manages critical care activities. Formulates plans and procedures for critical care activities. Schedules use of critical care facilities and assigns nurses and medical technicians. Advises on type and quantity of supplies and equipment. Coordinates critical care with other medical activities. Instructs residents in critical care. Serves as consultant on critical care.

3. ★Specialty Qualifications:

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

3.2. Education. The following education is mandatory for entry into this specialty:

3.2.1. A Doctor of Medicine degree or a doctor of osteopathy degree from an approved school of medicine or osteopathy.

3.2.2. Board eligibility in a basic specialty (Anesthesiology, Emergency Medicine, Pediatrics, Internal Medicine, Neurology, or Surgery).

3.3. Training. Not used.

3.4. Experience. For award of AFSC 44Y3/E/K/M/N/S, completion of a fellowship in critical care medicine, or equivalent, 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 44Y1/A/E/K/M/N/S, current enrollment in a critical care medicine or equivalent residency program acceptable to the Surgeon General, HQ USAF.

3.5.2. For award and retention of AFSCs 44Y3/A/E/K/M/N/S and 44Y4/A/E/K/M/N/S:

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 44Y3/A/E/K/M/N/S and 44Y4/A/E/K/M/N/S, 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:

<i>Suffix</i>	<i>Portion of AFS to Which Related</i>
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A	Anesthesia
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E	Emergency Medicine
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K	Pediatrics
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M	Internal Medicine
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N	Neurology
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S	Surgery
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