



## **Enlisted Career Fields**



### **Boatswain's Mate (BM)**

The primary duties are performing almost any task in connection with deck maintenance, small boat operations, navigation, or supervising all personnel assigned to a ship's deck force. You should have leadership ability, physical strength, mathematical knowledge, good hearing, normal color vision and a high degree of manual dexterity.

**Related civilian jobs include: pier superintendent, tugboat crewman, heavy equipment operator, marina supervisor, marina operator and ship pilot.**



### **Gunner's Mate (GM)**

The primary duties are to use, maintain and instruct personnel in everything having to do with weaponry, from pistols, rifles and machine guns to 76mm weapons systems. You should have an aptitude in mechanics, basic electrical theory, mathematics and attention to detail.

**Related civilian jobs include: small arms trainer, electronics mechanic, gunsmith, ammunition foreman, hydraulic equipment operator and mechanic.**



### **Operations Specialist (OS)**

The primary duties range from search and rescue and law enforcement case execution, to combat information center and intelligence operations. You should have an interest in computers and communications, an aptitude for detailed work, mathematical aptitude and normal color vision.

**Related civilian jobs include: intelligence, emergency operations coordination/operations, data base managers and air/vessel traffic controllers.**



### **Damage Controlman (DC)**

The primary duties include maintaining ship integrity and emergency equipment; plumbing; welding; chemical, biological, and radiological warfare detection; defense and decontamination. You should have an interest in welding, carpentry, plumbing, and fire fighting.

**Related civilian jobs include: welder, plumber, carpenter, pipe fitter, ship fitter, fire fighter, home/building inspector, trade school teacher, construction foreman and maintenance supervisor**



### **Electrician's Mate (EM)**

The primary duties are the installation, maintenance, repair, and management of electrical and electronic equipment. You should have an aptitude for detailed work and mathematics and have normal color vision.

**Related civilian jobs include: industrial/generating plant technician, industrial/shipyard electrician, electrical field service/maintenance technician, power and instrumentation technician and facilities engineering technician.**



### **Electronics Technician (ET)**

The primary duties are the installation, maintenance, and management of communications systems, tactical electronic warfare systems, navigation systems and general electronics systems. You should have an aptitude for detailed work, normal color vision and be above average at solving mathematical problems.

**Related civilian jobs include: electronics technician, guidance systems specialist, radio and radar repair, computer technician, telephone repair.**



### **Information Systems Technician (IT)**

The primary duties are establishing and maintaining systems that collect, store, process and forward all voice, data and video information. You should have an aptitude for detailed work, normal color vision and be above average at solving mathematical problems.

**Related civilian jobs include: telephone/network, computer systems technician, voice and data technician, telecommunications technician and central office technician.**



### **Intelligence Specialist (IS)**

The primary duties are associated with the collection, analysis, processing and dissemination of intelligence. You must be a U.S. citizen, be able to maintain a Top Secret (TS/SCI) clearance, and have normal color vision and hearing.

**Related civilian jobs include: intelligence analyst/manager, intelligence collector, counter-intelligence specialist and counter-terrorism specialist.**



### **Machinery Technician (MK)**

The primary duties are maintaining all mechanical items on internal combustion engines, environmental support systems, hydraulics, basic electricity and areas of hazardous material recovery and control. You should have normal color vision, and mechanical aptitude with an average or better ability to solve mathematical problems.

**Related civilian jobs include: auto/truck mechanic, heavy-duty equipment repair, heating, ventilation, air-conditioning and mechanical shipyard work.**



### **Aviation Maintenance Technicians (AMT)**

The primary duties are inspecting, servicing, maintaining and troubleshooting all aircraft systems. You must have an aptitude for mechanics. Candidates must pass an air crew-candidate physical and qualify for a secret security clearance.

**Related civilian jobs include: flight engineer, airline maintenance supervisor, general/commercial aviation mechanic, general/commercial aircraft inspector, aviation-maintenance instructor, aircraft ground handler.**

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### **Aviation Survival Technician (AST)**

The primary duties are to function as helicopter rescue swimmers and emergency medical technicians. They are also responsible for performing ground handling and servicing of aircraft and conducting routine aircraft inspections as well as aviation administrative duties. You must be in superior physical shape with no chronic orthopedic problems such as trick knees, back problems, or shoulder problems and be able to obtain and hold a secret security clearance.

**Related civilian jobs include: land and water survival instructor, parachute rigging and repair, life support equipment technician, commercial aircraft life support technician and paramedic.**



### **Avionics Electrical Technician (AET)**

The primary duties are inspecting, servicing, maintaining, troubleshooting and repairing all avionics systems including: navigation, collision avoidance, target acquisition and automatic flight-control functions. You should possess a high degree of electrical and mechanical aptitude, mathematical knowledge as well as pass an air crew-candidate physical and qualify for a secret security clearance.

**Related civilian jobs include: aircraft electrician or ground handler, avionics technician or instructor and general/commercial aircraft avionics inspector.**



### **Food Service Specialist (FS)**

The primary duties are cooking, accounting, equipment safety and use, recipe conversions, baking, sanitation, purchasing, storage, nutrition and wellness cooking, and dining facility management. You should have the ability to understand and apply instructions and procedures for handling food and have high standards of honesty and personal cleanliness.

**Related civilian jobs include: chef, restaurant manager, caterer, baker or cook**



### **Health Services Technician (HS)**

The primary duties are providing routine and emergency health care services in large Coast Guard clinics or small sick bays, ashore or on cutters. You should have meticulous attention to detail, a pleasing personality an ability to work closely with others.

**Related civilian jobs include: medical assistant, X-ray technician and medical laboratory technician.**



### **Marine Science Technician (MST)**

The primary duties include: protecting U.S. waters from aquatic nuisance species, supervising pollution and hazardous materials responses, domestic vessel examiner and Port State control officer. You should be people-oriented, have strong attention to detail and be highly flexible and consistent.

**Related civilian jobs include: marine environmental specialist, marine safety specialist, hazardous materials specialist, oil and hazardous materials spill responder, facility supervisor, vessel inspector, OSHA response trainer.**



### **Public Affairs Specialist (PA)**

The primary duties are media relations, journalism, web design, photography, video, public speaking and desktop publishing. You should possess the ability to communicate with clear, accurate speech and writing. You need an excellent command of the English language and the ability to work effectively in a variety of media and situations.

**Related civilian jobs include: public relations, news reporter, web designer, free lance writer, videographer, photographer and desktop publishing designer.**



### **Storekeeper (SK)**

The primary duties are providing and accounting for supplies and spare parts. They are also the Coast Guard's expert purchasing agents, accountants and property managers. You should possess computer skills, organizational skills, and an aptitude for practical mathematics.

**Related civilian jobs include: inventory manager, purchaser, accountant, bookkeeper, shipping and receiving clerk and warehouseman.**



### **Yeoman (YN)**

The primary duties are problem-solving, counseling and providing information to personnel—on questions ranging from career moves, entitlements and incentive programs to retirement options and veteran's benefits. You should have excellent prioritization and organization skills along with good interpersonal skills.

**Related civilian jobs include: human resources specialist, executive assistant, personnel manager, administrative assistant.**



### **Investigator (IV)\***

The primary duties are conducting both criminal and personal background checks and investigations, collecting and analyzing intelligence information and providing personal protection services. You must be a graduate of a basic police or investigator academy and be currently serving as a law enforcement officer with a minimum of three years experience.

**Related civilian jobs include: criminal investigator, detective and police officer.**



### **Port Security Specialist (PS)\***

The primary duties are safeguarding critical or vital ports wherever Coast Guard units operate, both overseas and in the United States, against the threat of terrorism and other acts of maritime crime. You should possess above average learning ability, normal hearing and color vision, physical strength/ agility and good interpersonal skills.

**Related civilian jobs include: local state or federal law enforcement and physical and personal security positions.**

*All applicants must be medically qualified and have a sufficient level of physical fitness to be able to undergo our rigorous training. You must be of good character and undergo a police check. Note that some ratings will require a security clearance. You must also pass the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB), and be a U.S. Citizen or lawful permanent resident.*

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