U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps

The Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service is an elite team of over 6,000 health care professionals who work to prevent disease and poor health conditions. As one of America’s seven uniformed services, the Commissioned Corps fills essential public health leadership roles in this country and abroad.

The Corps has officers in many professions including:

- Physicians, Dentists, Veterinarians, and Pharmacists
- Nurses
- Dietitians
- Engineers
- Environmental Health Officers
- Mental Health Specialists (Clinical Psychology & Clinical Social Work)
- Health Services Officers (Dental Hygiene, Health Administration, Information Technology, Medical Technology, Optometry, Physician Assistant, Psychology, Social Work)
- Scientist/Researchers
- Therapists (OT, PT, Speech Language Pathology, Audiology)

Benefits of being a commissioned officer in the Corps include:

- Competitive starting pay that increases with promotion and years of service
- Health and dental care at no cost and low-cost health care for family
- Tax-free housing and meal allowances
- 30 days of paid vacation per year, plus paid federal holidays, and sick leave
- Malpractice insurance coverage
- Retirement plan and low-cost life insurance
- Moving expenses, travel expenses for job
- Shopping privileges at military bases, space-available flights on military aircraft
- Veterans affairs benefits

If you are a U.S. citizen, this might be an opportunity you would like to explore. You can start at this website: http://www.usphs.gov/

If you are interested in using your health professions degree to serve the public health of the country, you can even explore this option as a student in the Commissioned Corps Officer Student Training and Extern Program. More on this can be found at this website: http://www.usphs.gov/student/