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Decorations, Awards, and Honors
U.S. ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT CENTER AND SCHOOL (AMEDDC&S)
INSTRUCTOR BADGE

1. PURPOSE. To establish policies, procedures, and responsibilities for the issue, wear, and storage of the AMEDDC&S Instructor Badge.
2. AUTHORITY. Headquarters, Department of the Army, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, subject: Soldier Policy Division memorandums, 17 November 1992 and 17 January 1995.
3. SCOPE. This regulation applies to all subordinate elements of the AMEDDC&S and all Army Medical Department (AMEDD) Phase II sites.

4 DESCRIPTION

a. The badge is a 1.5 inch diameter metal device. In the center, a gold-colored snake is entwined about a silver torch, with a gold flame, all on a maroon background, encircled by a gold ring. Around the outside perimeter of the badge, in silver letters on a maroon background, are the words "AMEDD Center and School Instructor." The maroon enamel is The Institute of Heraldry (TIOH) color number six. The gold enamel of the snake, flame, and gold ring is TIOH color number 31. The silver in the badge is all bright nickel-plated brass.

b. Symbolism. Maroon and white (silver) are the traditional colors associated with the AMEDD. The torch represents knowledge, while the snake entwined about it refers to Aesculapius, the ancient, mythological God of Medicine. The gold ring about the center of the badge symbolizes the faithful commitment to patient care that we seek to instill in our students. In heraldic tradition, the color gold represents excellence and achievement, while the circle (annulet) is an ancient symbol of unity and continuity denoting the continuation of lineage and tradition. Finally, the four stars represent the four uniformed services of the United States of America who send us their medical professionals to train: The United States Army, Navy (including the Marine Corps), Air Force, and Coast Guard.

5. ELIGIBILITY AND WEAR REQUIREMENT. The badge will be worn by all personnel assigned to the AMEDDC&S/AMEDD Phase II sites whose primary duty is as an instructor. For those who are eligible to wear the badge, it is a required part of the uniform. The badge is a locally approved item and may not be worn after reassignment from the AMEDDC&S/AMEDD Phase II site. However, once the badge is awarded, if an individual is reassigned within the AMEDDC&S (only) to a position that does not entail classroom instruction, he or she may continue to wear the instructor badge for as long as they are assigned as a staff member to the organization. Unauthorized or improper wear of the AMEDDC&S Instructor Badge is prohibited, as with any official award or decoration. Former instructors reassigned as students are not authorized to wear the badge. Phase II instructors reassigned to a noninstructor position will not wear the AMEDDC&S Instructor Badge.

a. For the purposes of this regulation, a military individual will be considered to be holding primary duty as an instructor if he/she is assigned to a position on the AMEDDC&S/Phase II site table of distribution and allowances (TDA) that is coded 5K (for officers) or H (for enlisted personnel), and who routinely provides platform instruction to AMEDDC&S/Phase II site students. To qualify for the badge, the individual must also successfully complete the Faculty Development Course (FDC), or be granted a waiver by the Chief, Staff and Faculty Development Branch, Department of Academic Support (DAS), Academy of Health Sciences (AHS), AMEDDC&S.

b. Civilian employees of the AMEDDC&S/Phase II sites may wear the badge if their positions are titled "instructor" on the AMEDDC&S/Phase II site TDA, and if their job descriptions require them to routinely provide platform instruction to AMEDDC&S/Phase II site students.

c. Civilians who are providing instruction at the AMEDDC&S/Phase II site under a contract to the school, but who are not actually employees of the school, may wear the instructor badge while they are under contract, provided they routinely provide platform instruction to students as their primary duty under the contract.

6. INSTRUCTIONS FOR WEAR

a. The AMEDDC&S Instructor Badge will be worn on Class A, Class B, Battle Dress, and Hospital White uniforms. On all uniforms with pockets, the badge will be worn suspended by a leather fob device from the left breast pocket button. On uniforms without breast pockets, the badge will be pinned directly to the left side of the outer garment in an equivalent position, without the fob device. The badge will be worn in a similar manner on civilian attire.

b. Female military instructors who desire to wear the Class B uniform have two options for wear of the badge:

(1) If awards and decorations are displayed, the badge will be worn centered on the left side of the blouse, parallel with the waist. It will be pinned directly to the blouse without the fob device.

(2) If awards and decorations are not displayed, the badge will be worn on the left side, parallel to the name plate, again, without the fob device.

c. In the event that a Department of the Army-authorized badge is worn on the left pocket, interfering with the wear of the AMEDDC&S Instructor Badge, the AMEDDC&S Instructor Badge will then be worn on the right side of the outer garment in the manner already described.

STORAGE AND ISSUE.

a. The badge will be stored and maintained by the Chief Staff and Faculty Development Branch, DAS.

b. Prior to badges being issued, department chiefs of the AHS and the Commandant, AMEDD Noncommissioned Officers Academy, must submit a written request to the Chief, Staff and Faculty Development Branch, DAS, as their newly assigned staff members complete Phase II of the FDC.

c. The department chiefs of the U.S. Army Medical Equipment and Optical School, U.S. Army School of Aviation Medicine, and all Phase II sites that have TDA slots coded 5K (for officers) or H (for enlisted personnel) may, at their discretion, maintain a stockage of the badge for issue to their newly assigned instructors upon their successful completion from FDC. The stockage should not exceed that expected to be issued within a 1-year period.

d. Initial issue of the badge by the Staff and Faculty Development Branch, DAS, will be without cost to the individual if the individual is on the AMEDDC&S TDA. Initial issue to Phase II site instructors will be by the organization to which that individual belongs. Replacement/additional badges will be obtained at the expense of the instructor. In unusual circumstances, when the loss of the badge was clearly outside the control of the individual, written application may be made through appropriate channels to the Chief, Staff and Faculty Development Branch, DAS, requesting a gratis replacement, if the person is on the AMEDDC&S TDA. Instructors on Phase II site TDAs

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will submit a written request for replacement badges to the Phase II site department chief who is the director for the course to which they are assigned.

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