

AN (PACT) - Airman Professional Apprenticeship Career Track

This enlistment program option enables men and women to eventually qualify for one of several Navy ratings (skill specialties) through on-the-job Airman Professional Career Track (PACT) training.

The program also offers apprenticeship training in a rating that may not be available at the time of enlistment.

WHAT THEY DO

- Repairing, maintaining and stowing aircraft and associated equipment in preparation for flight operations;
- Working with qualified personnel to gain job training and experience;
- Performing ground and deck duties involved in the take-off and landing of aircraft;
- Standing security watches on flight lines or decks;
- Doing temporary duty for 90-120 days with food services divisions;
- Serving as members of crash crews and security alert teams.



CAREER PATH AFTER RECRUIT TRAINING

After completion of recruit training, enlistees in the Airman Professional Career Track (PACT) training program attend a three-week course on basic theory in aviation fundamental skills. After successful completion of this training, airman apprentices are usually assigned to squadrons or other aviation commands where the Navy needs them the most.

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Airmen can request, and may receive on-the-job training in a rating that they are interested in, qualified for, and is available at their first command, by completing rate training manual courses and personal qualification standards requirements. They must also be recommended by their commanding officer for the Navy rating they desire.

Airman may also attend Navy schools to learn about general damage control, firefighting, preventive maintenance of special equipment, and the use of special tools used in the rating they are working in or seeking.

SOURCE RATINGS



Navy Ratings in the Airman Professional Apprenticeship Career Track Program

Aircrewman

- AWF - Aircrewman Mechanical*
- AWO - Aircrewman Operators*
- AWR - Aircrew Tactical Helicopters*
- AWS - Aircrewman Helicopter*
- AWV - Aircrewman Avionics*

Electronics

- AT - Aviation Electronics Technician *

Electrical

- AE - Aviation Electrician's Mate *

Mechanical

- AD - Aviation Machinist's Mate
- AME - Aviation Structural Mechanic (Safety Equipment) *
- AM - Aviation Structural Mechanic (Structures)
- AS - Aviation Support Equipment Technician

Miscellaneous

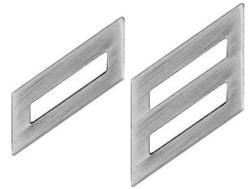
- ABE - Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment)
- ABF - Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Fuels)
- ABH - Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling)
- AC - Air Traffic Controller*
- AG - Aerographer's Mate*
- AO - Aviation Ordnanceman
- AZ - Aviation Maintenance Administrationman
- PR - Aircrew Survival Equipmentman*

* Class "A" technical school is required.

ADVANCEMENT



Enlistees enter the Navy as E-1s (Airman Recruits). Advancement to E-2 (Airman Apprentice) may be achieved after nine months of successful naval service, with advancement to E-3 (Airman) after an additional nine months.



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QUALIFICATIONS & INTERESTS



Airman must be able to get along well with others and to speak clearly. Other qualities include resourcefulness, a good memory, curiosity, physical strength, manual dexterity, the ability to work as a team member and the ability to perform repetitive tasks.

Normal hearing and color perception are required for this rating.



MANAGE A NAVY CAREER WITH NAVY LADR

See the Navy LaDR (**L**earning and **D**evelopment **R**oadmap) for this rating:

A-PACT https://www.cool.navy.mil/usn/LaDR/a_pact_e1_e3.pdf



EARN COLLEGE CREDIT

The American Council on Education recommends that semester hour credits be awarded in the vocational certificate and lower-division bachelor's / associate's degree categories for courses taken in this rating on word processing or data entry applications and office management procedures. See the college credits available via a **Joint Services Transcript** for this rating:

A-PACT https://www.cool.navy.mil/usn/jst/apact_jst.pdf



EARN DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (DOL) NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED APPRENTICESHIPS

The United Services Military Apprenticeship Program (**USMAP**) is a formal military training program that provides active duty and Full Time Support (FTS) Service members the opportunity to improve their job skills and to complete their civilian apprenticeship requirements while they are on active duty. The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) provides the nationally recognized "Certificate of Completion" upon program completion. Visit United Services Military Apprenticeship Program (**USMAP**) for apprenticeships:

<https://usmap.netc.navy.mil/usmapss/static/navyRates.htm>



EARN INDUSTRY RECOGNIZED CREDENTIALS

Navy COOL catalogs and defines comprehensive information on occupational credentials - including certifications, licenses, and apprenticeships - correlating with every Navy rating and some collateral duties. It provides "how to" instructions for pursuing these credentials, links to credentialing organizations, and cross-references to programs that help Sailors pay for credentialing fees. Shortly following the initial rating technical training (Class "A" technical school), Sailors may be able to take advantage of earning civilian/industry certifications & licenses (credentials), funded through Navy COOL.

Visit the Navy COOL website:

PACT <https://www.cool.navy.mil/usn/enlisted/pact.htm>

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<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/navycool/id1053982994?ls=1&mt=8>

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Note: Since Navy programs and courses are revised at times, the information contained on this card is subject to change.

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