

Navy aircrewmembers prepare to handle some of the most exciting and sometimes hazardous jobs in the Navy. They are prepared because they undergo some of the most physically and mentally demanding training the Navy has to offer.

Training takes place in Pensacola Florida at the Naval Aviation Schools Command. They will enter the Naval Aircrew program as Aircrewman, AIRC fixed wing aircraft or as an Aircrew Rescue Swimmer, AIRR on rotary wing aircraft.

You'll attend Naval Aircrew Candidate School or NACCS regardless of your program. Upon successful completion you will be awarded NEC 8201, naval aircrew candidate.

If assigned Rescue Swimmer School, you'll continue on to Aviation Rescue Swimmer School.

The Aviation Enlisted Aircrew Training School produces personnel qualified to receive a navy-enlisted classification. Upon successful completion of NACCS you'll be advanced to E-2. If you successfully complete NACCS, rescue swimmer school and "A" school, you'll be advanced to a Third Class Petty Officer or E-4 upon completion of "A" school.

To attend NACCS, you must meet certain requirements before transferring from boot camp. Flight physical, be designated a class II swimmer and pass the Navy Physical Readiness Test with satisfactory in all categories for your age group and gender.

To meet rescue swimmer general physical requirements, both males and females must complete forty-two push-ups in less than two minutes, fifty sit-ups in less than two minutes, run one and a half miles in less than twelve minutes, and a four hundred meter swim in less than eleven minutes using the American crawl, side stroke, and breast stroke.

When you're ready to begin the program you'll travel from Recruit Training Command, Chicago IL. to Pensacola Florida by commercial air.

Once aboard NAS Pensacola you'll report directly to NASC building 623. A Petty Officer is available 24 hrs. a day to check you in, assign you a room and begin your indoctrination.

Our courses are designed to train you as Naval Aircrewmembers and Rescue Swimmers while continuing your military education and your indoctrination. You'll receive general military training, stand watch, undergo personal and room inspections, and take part in other activities that will continue your sailorization process in addition to preparing you to meet the initial training and qualification requirements of an aircrewmembers.

The mission of NACCS is to provide you with basic knowledge and skills that will increase chances of surviving an aviation mishap. You'll spend much of your time learning swimming and survival skills.

In water survival training you'll learn swim skills that are more difficult than those used for recreational or competitive swimming. You will be required to pass another class II swimmer screening. To pass you must enter the pool from a twelve foot tower, perform a 100 yd. swim using the four designated survival swim strokes, American crawl, breast stroke, side stroke and elementary back stroke.

During water survival training you will learn how to stay afloat, conserve energy, adapt to various sea conditions and perform life saving swim strokes despite the weight and resistance of the flight clothing you'll be wearing.

You will learn how to administer first aid and CPR.

You will also learn how to disentangle your self from a parachute, should you have to eject out of an aircraft over water or land.

Various simulators will be used to teach you how to escape from an aircraft that sinks after ditching so that you can experience the mental and physical sensations that are involved while in a safe training environment.

If you are an AIRR, you will continue on to Rescue Swimmer School where you'll take part in four more weeks of intense training. This training will demand higher levels of physical fitness and swimming proficiency to prepare you for life saving open ocean rescue operations.

You will learn to jump from helicopters to rescue survivors from hazardous waters, disentangle survivors from parachutes and use a variety of hoisting devices.

You'll also receive extensive first aid training in providing care for rescued personnel during helicopter transport.

As you advance through the various phases of the Aviation Enlisted Aircrew Training School, you'll face greater and greater demands. Now that you know what to expect and what will be expected of you, you can begin to prepare. You can start to condition yourself both physically and mentally for those stimulating challenges that await you.