

OPERATION BUSHMASTER 2023

FACULTY INFORMATION

WHAT IS OPERATION BUSHMASTER?

Operation Bushmaster is the capstone event for senior students in the Uniformed Services University School of Medicine and Graduate School of Nursing. After a two week preparatory course (Military Contingency Medicine), students are deployed to a simulated, austere combat environment and instructed to provide medical support throughout the range of military operations. Students are assigned roles within their student platoon and must respond to operational and medical problems in order to achieve their unit's mission. Bushmaster is a five day medical field practicum that simulates a deployment and provides students with an opportunity to apply their medical and leadership abilities in a field setting.

WHAT WE NEED

We are recruiting faculty who are extremely motivated and can guide the operational and clinical scenarios for a platoon of students. We require faculty who are respectful to the students, unbiased, and demonstrate utmost professional behavior, modeling the ideal military medical officer.

Remember - you are volunteering to serve as an advisor to students, but also to assess their ability to lead and provide medical care in an austere medical scenario. You must commit to preparing for your time as faculty by participating with online training (about 8 hours of preparation) and faculty must commit to attend the entire five day iteration, including faculty training on the first day (either 7-11 October 2023 or 16-20 October 2023)

Faculty will guide their student platoons in teams of 8 faculty for one shift (about 8 hours) each day and coordinate assessments with the alternating faculty shift. All faculty will live in field conditions - eat MREs in the field, utilize water buffaloes, portable latrines. Faculty are housed in open bay barracks with bunk beds at Fort Indiantown Gap. Funding will be provided by USU, but all military personnel require support from their home command. Travel orders plus funding will be provided by USU, but all military personnel require support from their home command.

All faculty will complete 8 hours of online training prior to arrival at Fort Indiantown Gap



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FACULTY POSITIONS

Team Leader

Must have prior experience at Operation Bushmaster - Translates the Course Director's vision into reality by challenging and guiding the students in their simulated scenario -Lead the faculty team and mentor newer faculty members in the assessment of students in the field setting - May be required to assist in assessing performance of any student's role during critical periods of the practicum

Leadership

Assess the students in the Platoon Leader and Assistant Platoon Leader roles (two students/cycle) -Have expertise/knowledge in operational military leadership - Guide the platoon in meeting objectives, communication, team dynamics -Must have understanding of the requirements and tactical challenges associated with providing Health Services Support at the Role 1 level.

Surgeon

Serve as the medical subject matter expert -Assess the students in the surgeon role (two students/cycle) by evaluating medical skills, decision making and medical leadership -Have up to date expertise/knowledge in TCCC, ATLS, ALS -Should have experience providing frontline critical care and stabilization of patients

Behavioral Health Faculty

Must be a Behavioral healthcare professional. YouAssess the students in the Behavioral Health Tech role by evaluating the interviewing, assessment and management skills -Mentor the students on their ability to oversee a BH program and communicate simulated issues with the student Surgeon and student commanders -Serve as a subject matter expert on management of behavioral health in a field setting -Attend training with USU Behavioral Health Lead in advance of reporting to the field

Preventive Medicine Faculty

Serve as the subject matter expert on field preventive medicine, including field sanitation -Coach two students/cycle on base camp evaluation, implementation of field PM measures, disease surveillance and inspection of real world field sanitation -Assess students on their knowledge and performance of the preventive medicine role, including recognition of potential (simulated) disease outbreaks and reporting to commanders -Any experience with Global Health Engagement is a bonus

Ambulance Team Leader

Serve as the subject matter expert on prehospital trauma care -Assess the students in the ambulance team leader role (two students/cycle) -Ride in a Field Loading Ambulance with the ambulance team and assess performance at the Casualty Collection Point -Have up to date expertise in TCCC

Simulation

Ideal for a new Bushmaster faculty member learning how the practicum progresses or clinicians with excellent clinical knowledge but limited operational experience -Guide low and high fidelity simulations that will augment the medical cases (ex - integrating task trainers with role player scenarios) -Willing to fill in for any other position during particularly busy times during the scenario when additional learner observation is required

Casualty Coach

Work exclusively with the student role players. Guide students in preparation for over 200 different patient encounters Help early learners understand goals of cases and why diseases/injuries would cause that presentation

Platoon Sergeant

Model the NCO/officer relationship for the students -Mentor students on basic military procedures, including use of radio, troop movements, field safety -Provide feedback to the faculty team and students about performance in mission objectives

Other positions

If you are interest in participating and none of these positions fit your interests/expertise, contact Wendii Vailes . There are some additional positions to be filled for Tactical Instructors (with superb TCCC experience), Moulage Artists, En Route Care Instructors and more.

