



National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine Alcohol at Sea Committee

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U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Overview



Academy Heritage



- **Merchant Marine Act of 1936** – Established Federal merchant marine cadet program to educate mariners to serve the economic needs of the Nation.
- **1941-1945** – WWII shipboard training; 142 cadet-midshipmen lost their lives.
- **September 30, 1943** – Dedication by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who noted that: “the Academy serves the Merchant Marine as West Point serves the Army and Annapolis the Navy.”
- **1947** – Academy began granting four-year Bachelor of Science degrees.
- **1956** – U.S. Congress made the Academy permanent.
- **1974** – First federal service academy to enroll female students.



USMA



USNA



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USMMA Mission



“To educate and graduate leaders of exemplary character who are inspired to serve the national security, marine transportation, and economic needs of the United States as licensed Merchant Marine Officers and commissioned officers in the Armed Forces.”



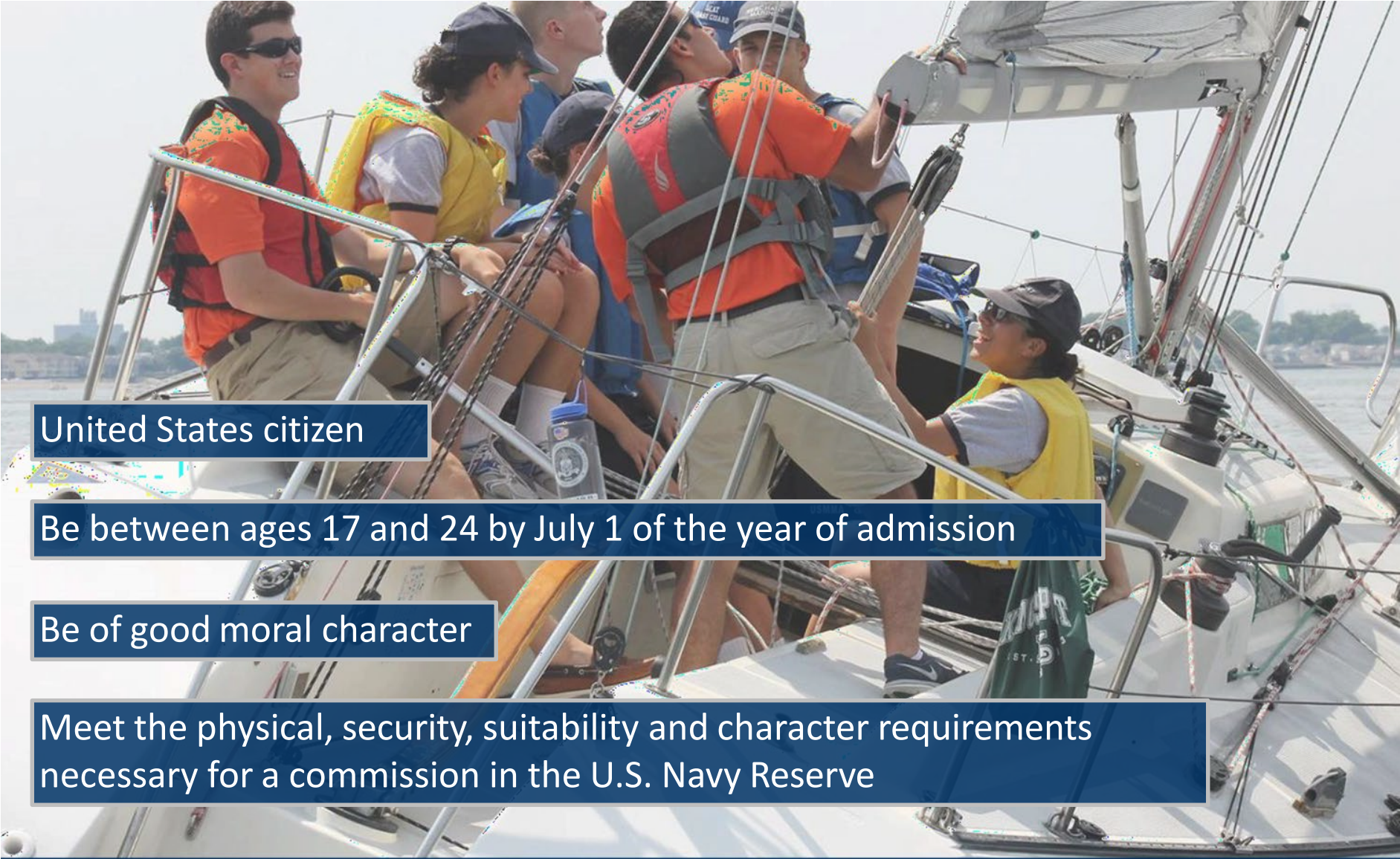
USMMA Core Values



Respect
Honor
Service



General Eligibility Requirements

A group of young men are on the deck of a sailboat. They are wearing orange and yellow life jackets and are looking towards the right. The boat is white with various rigging and ropes visible. The background shows a body of water and a distant shoreline.

United States citizen

Be between ages 17 and 24 by July 1 of the year of admission

Be of good moral character

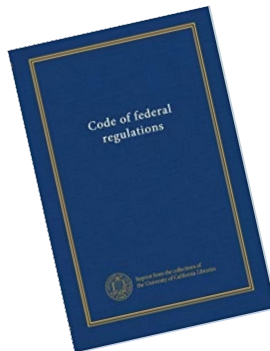
Meet the physical, security, suitability and character requirements necessary for a commission in the U.S. Navy Reserve

Requirements



- Code of Federal Regulations:
 - Deck, Engineering and Nautical Science curricula
 - General education and electives
- Department of the Navy:
 - History, Security Policy, English and Naval Science courses
- Middle States Commission on Higher Education:
 - “a program of a length appropriate to the objectives of the degree, designed to foster coherent learning and promote synthesis.
- Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET)

Satisfied through five Bachelors degree programs leading to commissions in the Armed Forces and a USCG license as a Merchant Mariner.



United States Merchant Marine Academy



Graduates receive:

- Bachelor of Science Degrees
- U.S. Coast Guard Licenses as Merchant Marine Officer
- Commissions in the U.S. Navy Reserve (or the other Armed Forces)



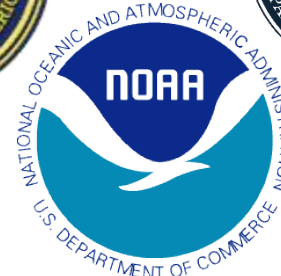
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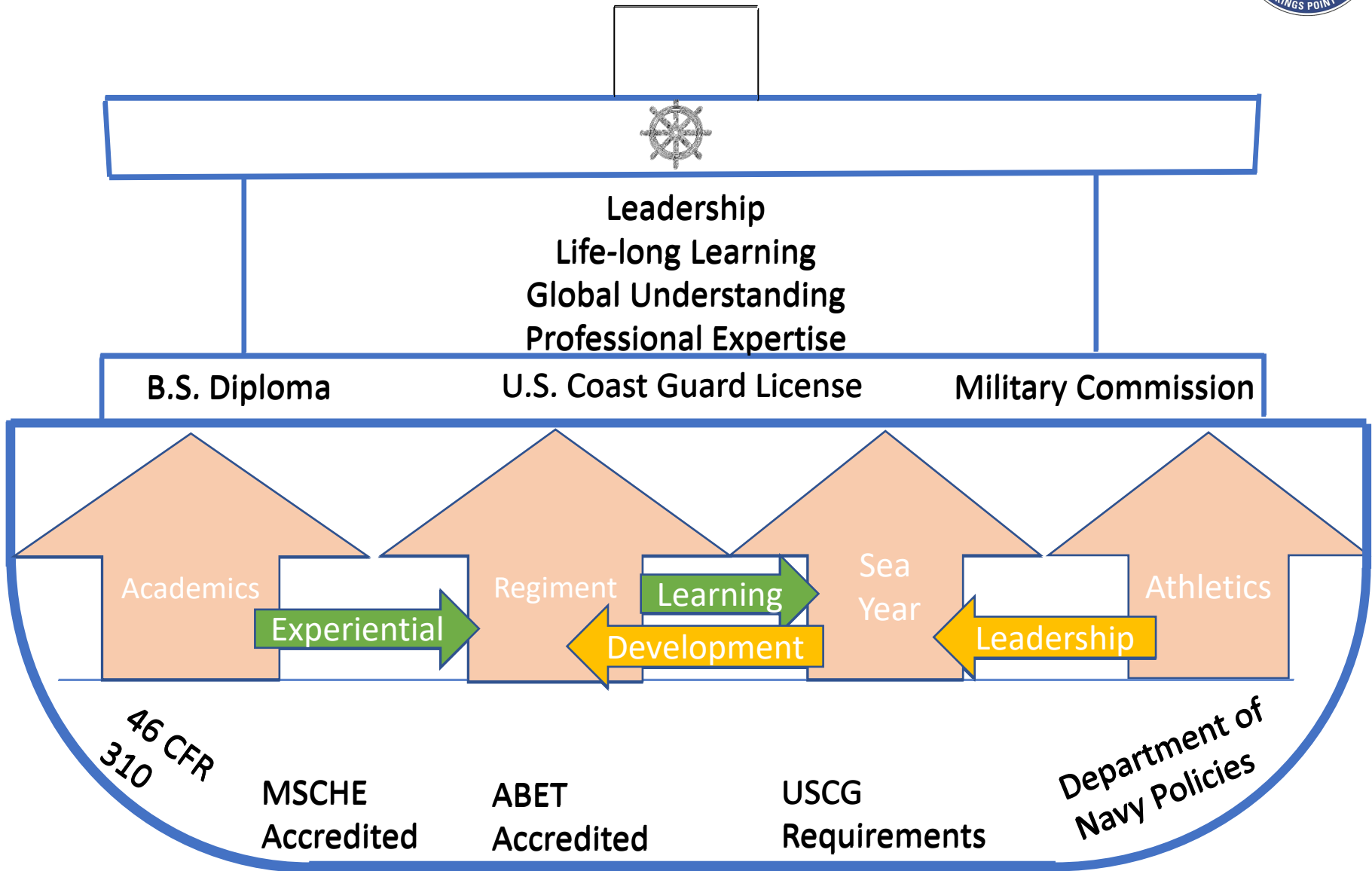
Work in the maritime industry for 5 years
Maintain U.S. Coast Guard License for 6 years
Serve in the U. S. Navy Reserve for 8 years

Service Options

5 years on active duty in **any** of the nation's armed forces or in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Corps



USMMA Program



Academics



Trimester System



Application-focused



Simulations and Labs



STCW Competencies



Sea Year Experience



T/V Kings Pointer



Sea Year



Sea Year – The World Is Our Campus



Regiment



Regimental Program



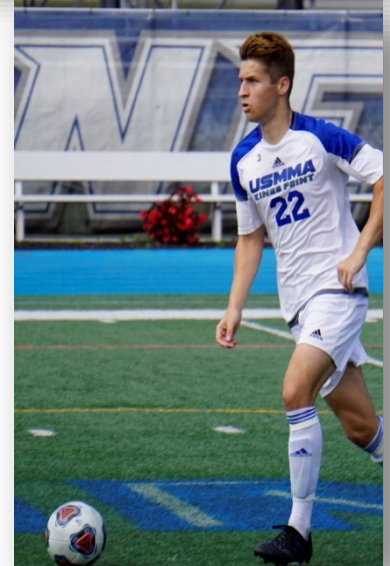
All students are sworn into the U.S. Navy Reserve Program as Midshipmen and wear uniforms

Develop followership and leadership skills

Emphasize respect, honor, and service – our values

First classmen, under the supervision of the Commandant of Midshipmen, exercise command of the regiment

Athletics



Excellence in Athletics



Alcohol awareness and misuse prevention education at USMMA

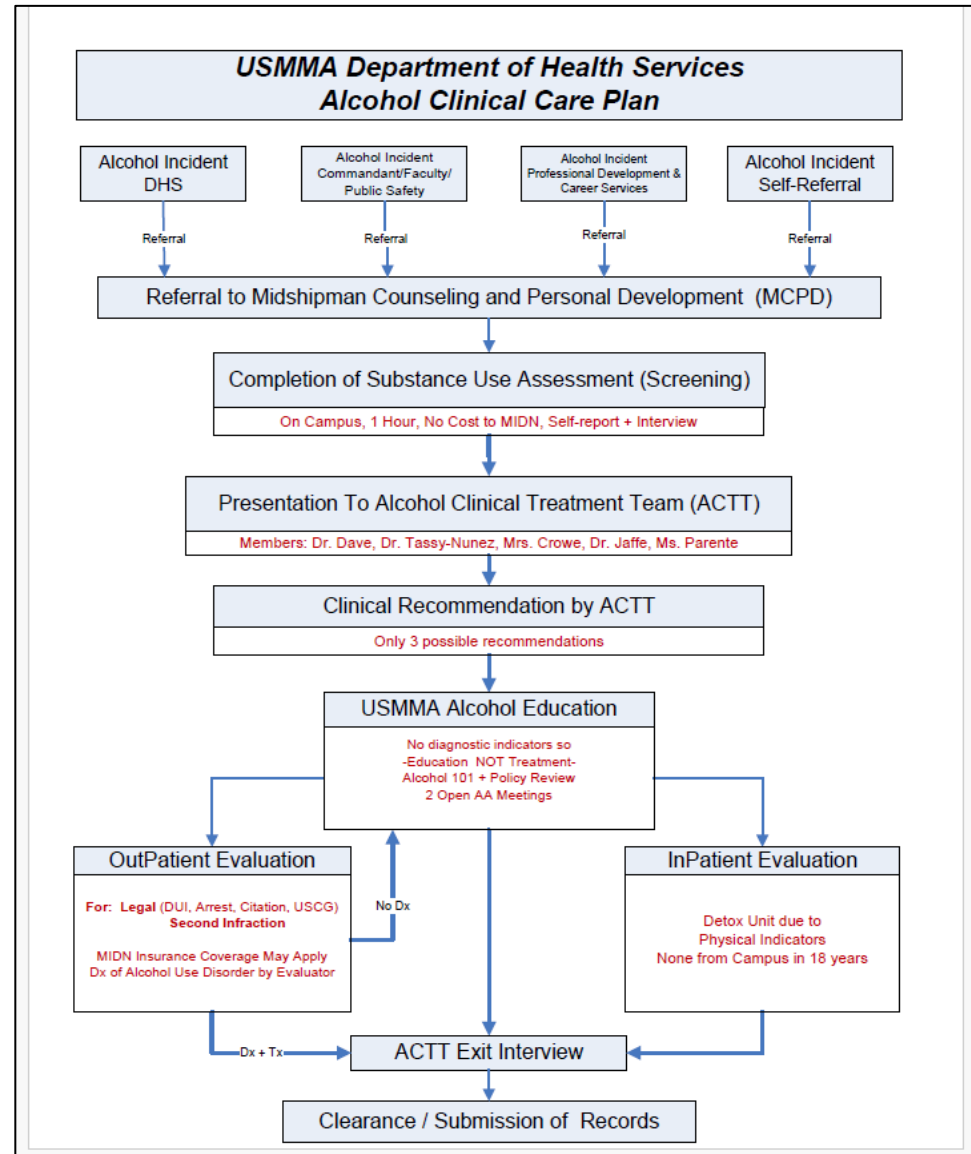
- Regularly provided to Midshipmen at USMMA over 4 years by:
 - Office of the Commandant
 - Department of Health Services
 - Department of Professional Development and Career Services,
 - Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office
 - Department of Naval Science
- At stages to include Indoctrination, pre-Sea Year, Reintegration, and leadership training

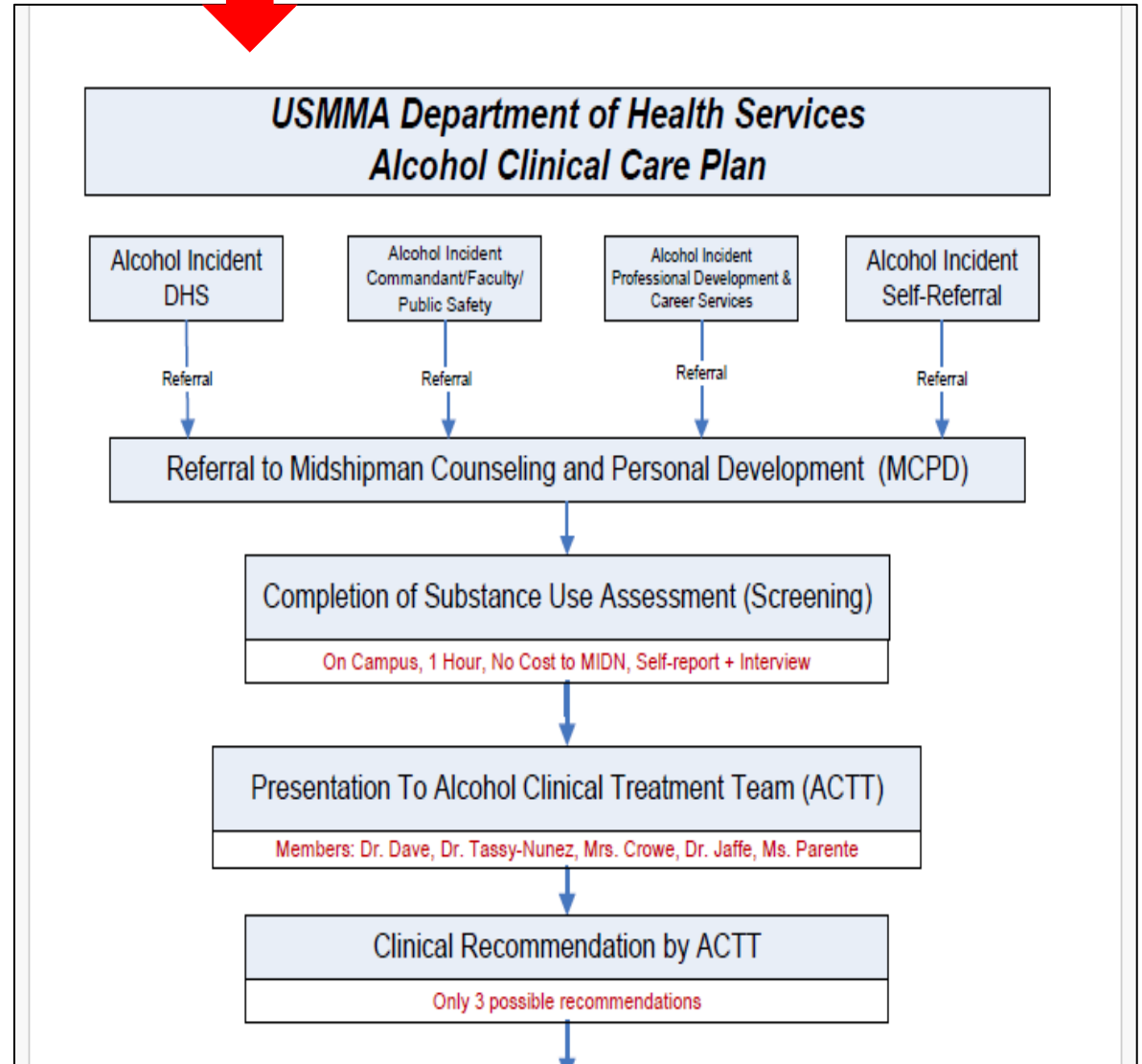
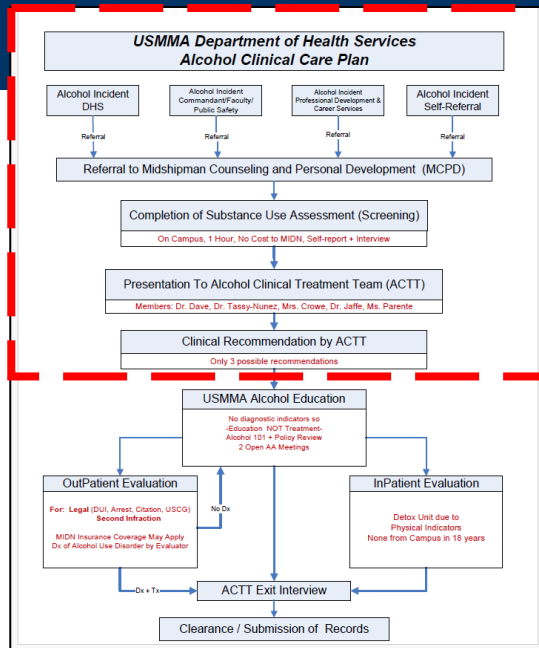


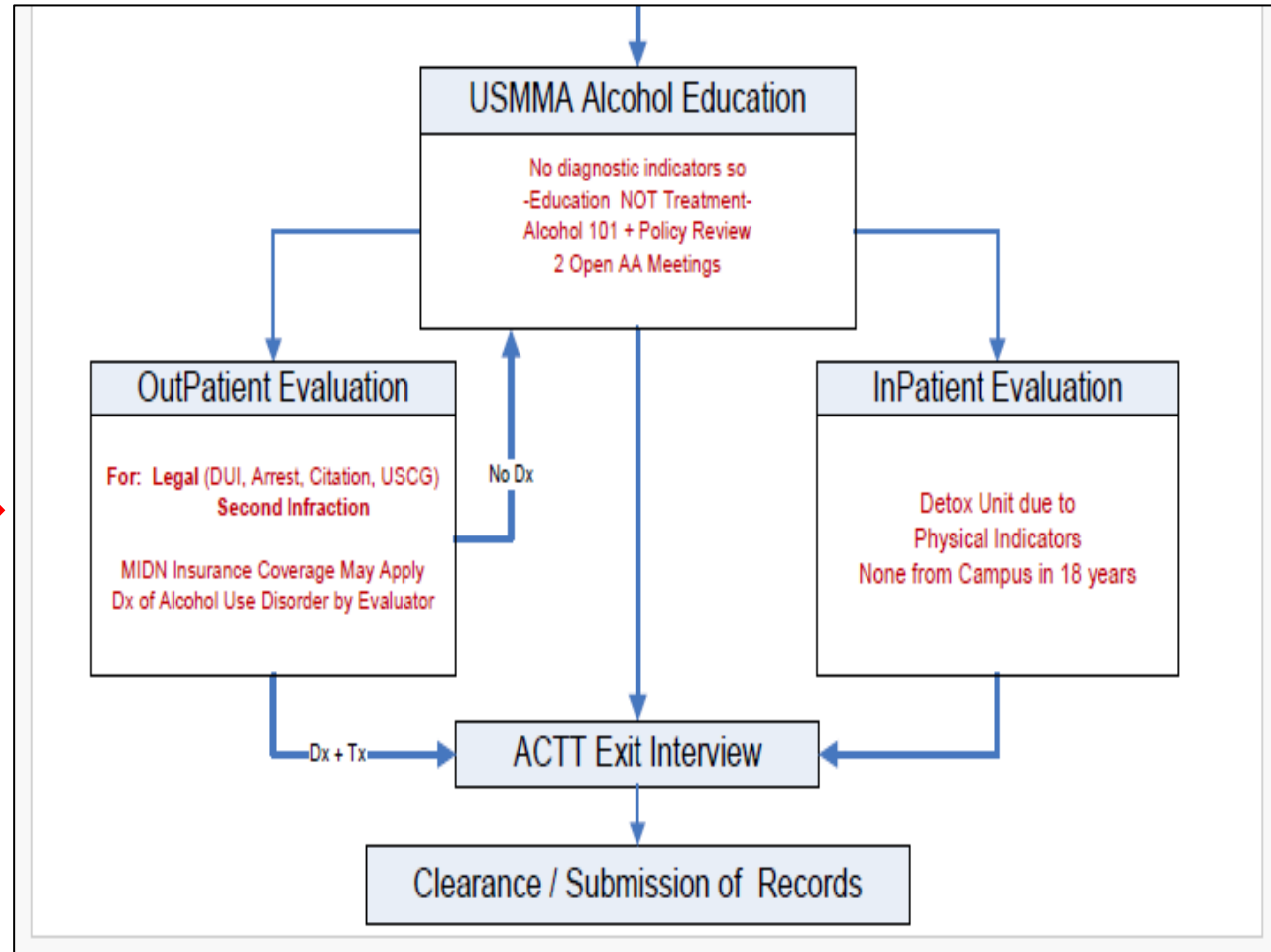
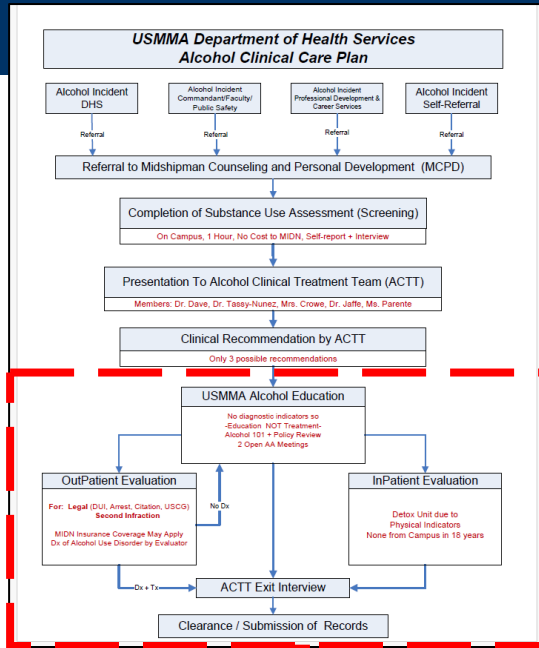
Education and expectations, continued

- Amnesty for reporting collateral conduct, including underage drinking, when reporting sexual misconduct
- Mentors, safe spaces, and shipmate program
- The Midshipman pub at USMMA for seniors; expectations, and training
- Longstanding Sea Year surveys
- Upcoming confidential (1:1) surveys of Midshipmen after Sea Year by SAPRO

Responding to alcohol misuse: Alcohol Clinical Care Plan









DHS Alcohol Clinical Care Team (ACTT) Report Summary

Academic Year	Medical Referrals	Commandant Referrals	Shipboard Training Referrals	Other Referrals	Total Referrals	Total In-House Alcohol Education	Total Outside Referrals for Substance Use Evaluations
AY 19-20	6	12	0	1 (self)	19	15	4
AY 20-21	3	30	0	0	33	27	6
AY 21-22	5	11	0	1 (self)	17	13	4
AY 22-23	6	6	0	0	12	9	3
AY 23-24	3	5	1	1 (other)	10	6	4
AY 24-25 (Year-to-Date)	4	30	1	0	35	33	2
Total for All Years	27	94	2	3	126	103	23



Responding to alcohol misuse: Issues and perspectives

- Students have not been disenrolled for alcohol misuse in isolation
- However, it is not uncommon for students to be disenrolled for misconduct secondary to alcohol use
- USMMA cadets on Sea Year
- Access to mental health counselors at sea, as well as Alcohol and Narcotics Anonymous virtual groups and the SAPRO 24/7/365 Hotline



EMBARC implementation; standardizing expectations across the industry

- Lessons learned: Uniform standards and expectations across the industry should benefit all mariners
- Focus on particular protective and risk factors, e.g., effective education; effective anti-contraband measures, liquor lockers, others
- Harmonizing expectations and standards to all vessels, including public vessels
- What could be some next steps?



Thank you for the invitation to speak
Questions for USMMA staff?