

Where do I report for the AITPSG Course?

Answer: Upon arrival at Fort Jackson for the AITPSG Course and the Master Resiliency Training Course, all Candidates for the must report to the United States Army Drill Sergeant School in Building 9574.

How long is the AITPSG Course?

Answer: The AITPSG Course is two weeks long however, the Department of the Army requires all AITPSG's to complete the Master Resiliency Training Course (MRTC) prior to serving with Soldiers in training. While you are on Fort Jackson you will also complete the MRTC, which is an additional two week course located in Bldg 3216. If you have previously completed the MRTC, please bring your graduation information to in-processing on Day 1. As of 1 October 2013 you will attend MRTC prior to starting the AITPSG Course.

Do I really have to bring everything on the packing list?

Answer: Yes, this packing list applies to all students attending the US Army Drill Sergeant School and AIT Platoon Sergeant Course.

My flight doesn't get in until after the 18:00 formation, what should I do?

Answer: Contact one of the instructors and let them know what your status is, be advised that the later you get in, the less sleep you have in preparation for the APFT. Your height/weight screening will be done immediately following the APFT.

What can I do to prepare myself for the course?

Answer: Learn some cadences! You will be in charge of formations and marching a formation while you are here. Become familiar with FM 7-22 and the conduct of Physical Readiness Training. Have an APFT that is graded to standard and have an honest assessment of your height/weight done; most of the people sent home are due to failing to do the APFT events to standard and failure to meet the requirements of AR 600-9.

Why do I have to stay in the Drill Sergeant School Barracks while I attend MRT?

Answer: You are attending MRT because it is a requirement to be an AIT Platoon Sergeant. While they are separate courses, you are not receiving MRT to fill that position at your unit. You will also be introduced to Physical Readiness Training in the mornings prior to MRT start times in order for you to become more proficient in this area.

Why do I need to delete my email account from my current installation?

Answer: In order for you to access the internet and most military websites associated with the course, you need a Fort Jackson account. Prior to leaving your home station you will need to coordinate with your S-6 to have your email account "removed from active directory". This will enable the US Army Drill Sergeant School / Ft. Jackson to service your account while you are in a student status.

I thought that we would be issued a set of ASUs, why is this on the packing list?

Answer: As of July 2013, the US Army Drill Sergeant School and AIT Platoon Sergeant Course no longer receive the ASU initial issue. This was done due to budgetary constraints. If you do not have ASUs yet, you are still authorized to wear the green Class A uniform until the wear out date. Plan on purchasing the ASU soon, as you should be in the same uniform that your future Soldiers are in.

I am coming from an Airborne unit; can I still wear my beret?

Answer: Yes, your beret is authorized, so are your jump boots for the ASUs, bring your patrol cap for Field Training time.

I'm over 40, what does my physical need to say on it?

Answer: If you are over 40 years old your physical must say "Cleared for AIT Platoon Sergeant Duty" (This needs to be with you at the 1800 formation prior to the start date).

How long is my Mental Status Evaluation good for?

Answer: Your Behavioral Health screening is good for 6 months; this time is counted from the course start date.

Is there internet available in the barracks?

Answer: No. There is no internet or cable, your free time should be spent improving yourself and learning Drill and Ceremonies and Physical Readiness Training. You are TDY for training, not for leisure.

What if I do not have a MRT date prior to reporting to the AITPSGC?

You need to contact your schools NCO immediately so they can contact the DS Branch to get you entered into ATTRRS. Contact the DS Branch using this email: usarmy.know.hrc.mbx.epmd-drill-sgt-section@mail.mil or call 1-502-613-5175

What additional items can I bring?

Linen will be provided once you report however you can bring your own linen.

Each room has a refrigerator and a small kitchenette with a microwave so you can bring small items to cook to have with you in the room.

Laptop with TR350-16, FM 7-22 and TC 3-21.5 loaded so you can study on your off time.

What are common reasons that AIT PSG Candidates are dropped from the AITPSGC?

Some AIT PSG Candidates arrive exceeding the allowable body fat standards prescribed in AR 600-9; some Candidates are unable to achieve 60 points in each standard event of the Army Physical Fitness Test.

RECOMMENDATION: Inbound Candidates must ensure that they are able to meet these required standards prior to reporting to the school. The USADSS and AITPSGC is not an NCOES course and therefore there are no exceptions to the height/weight standards or APFT requirement.

What if I don't have a laptop?

If you do not have a laptop you should be able to sign out a standalone laptop from you S-6.

When does the six week course starts?

29 September 2014 is the first day of the new six week course.

Do you have to pitch modules now as an AITPSG?

No, however you have to have a general knowledge of them to give you a skill set to reinforce what the Drill Sergeant has given the Soldier already. You will have to demonstrate that you have an understanding and a knowledge of the following:

- D&C (MOI) evaluations
 - Command Voice
 - Set #1 (Attention, Rest Positions, Hand Salute)
 - Set #2 (30inch Step and the Halt, Platoon Column Left and Right)
 - Set #3 (Align Platoon in Column and Line Formation)
 - Set #4 (Counter Column, Open Ranks)

