

Where do I report for the Drill Sergeant Course?

Answer: Upon arrival at Fort Jackson for the Drill Sergeant Course, all Candidates must report to the United States Army Drill Sergeant Academy in Building 9576.

How long is the Drill Sergeant Course?

Answer: Three 3-week phases, 9 weeks total. Phases must be completed in order. All phases must be completed in 18 months.

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.

What can I do to prepare myself for the course?

Answer: Learn cadence! 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.

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 Candidates and AIT Platoon Sergeant Candidates no longer receive the ASU initial issue.

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. You will wear low quarters for graduation.

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 Drill Sergeant Duty/AITPSG Duty"

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.

What additional items can I bring?

Linen will be provided once you report however, you can bring you 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.

What is my LOA?

Answer: Contact your local finance rep.

Who do I contact to become a Drill Sergeant?

Answer: Your Branch Manager. After your request is submitted, your branch manager must contact Drill Sergeant Branch at HRC.

<https://www.hrc.army.mil/Enlisted/Drill%20Sergeant%20Team>

I graduated from DSC, but I lost my DA 1059. Can I have another copy?

Answer: All requests for records must be submitted by your Bn CSM to the Commandant of the USADSA for approval.

