

TY-15 IDT Dates

18-19 Oct 2014
08-09 Nov 2014
13-14 Dec 2014
24-25 Jan 2015
21-22 Feb 2015
21-22 Mar 2015
18-19 Apr 2015
16-17 May 2015
13-14 Jun 2015
18-19 Jul 2015
22-23 Aug 2015
19-20 Sep 2015

TY-15 Phase Dates

Pre-Ship Training - A: 19-22 JAN 2015
(Only OCs shipping to Winter Accelerated)

Pre-Ship Training - B: 18-22 May 2015
(All OCs shipping Summer Trad & Accel)

Winter Accelerated (Alabama):
23 JAN – 21 MAR 2015

JUN Accelerated (South Dakota):
29 May – 25 Jul 2015

Phase 1 Traditional (Minnesota):
30 May – 13 Jun 2015

Phase 3 Traditional (Fort Lewis):
17 Jul – 01 Aug 2015

Officer Candidate School Websites and References

<http://www.branchorientation.com/>

Accelerated:

<http://sdguard.ngb.army.mil/196rti/1st%20BN/1st.html>
<http://www.alguard.state.al.us/ocs.htm>

Traditional Phase I:

http://www.minnesotanationalguard.org/units/unit_template.php?unit=8GFA1

Traditional Phase III:

<http://washingtonarmyguard.org/ocs/>

We need to learn to set our course by the stars, not by the lights of every passing ship.
Omar Nelson Bradley

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Douglas McArthur

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Traditional Officer Candidate School**

The State Officer Candidate School is a 15 month course of instruction conducted from June to August of the following year. The Traditional OCS program is broken down into three phases: Phase 1 (ADT), Phase 2 (IDT), Phase 3 (ADT). Pre OCS is a prerequisite to attending Phase 1.

Pre OCS:

Drill Weekends Prior to Phase 1:

What to Expect: Administrative in-processing is conducted to ensure all applicants meet the enrollment criteria. Drill and ceremony, physical fitness, and land navigation training are conducted to prepare for Phase 1. Each individual will be administratively advanced to E-6 prior to shipment to Phase 1.

Phase 1:

Dates: Annual training will be held from 30 May -13 Jun 2015 at Camp Ripley MN. Officer Candidates will report to Springfield and Marseilles for pre-phase training approximately 2 week prior to shipment to conduct refresher training, prepare documentation and for equipment issue.

What to Expect: Training will focus on leadership, teamwork, and basic military skills.

Phase 2:

Dates: IDT weekends are from July 2014 to June 2015.

What to Expect: Concentrate on military subjects such as ethics, military justice, physical fitness, logistics, communications, personnel administration, CBRN, tactics, and patrolling.

Phase 3:

Dates: A two week annual training, 17 Jul – 01 Aug 2015, immediately after completion of Phase 2. Officer Candidates will report to Springfield, IL one day prior to shipment to prepare documentation and equipment.

What to Expect: Evaluated on tactics, patrolling, and leadership skills through squad and platoon level. Upon completion, Officer Candidates may be commissioned pending federal recognition.

CUT OFF DATE (First drill with the program):
Traditional Course: 21-22 March 2015

Accelerated Officer Candidate School

National Guard Bureau conducts a 57-day accelerated OCS program for candidates who are selected for attendance by the 129th RTI commander.

The winter program is in Alabama and the summer program is in South Dakota. Criteria for selection are included in the OCS Enrollment SOP, dated 1 OCT 2012.

SELECTION BOARD DATES:

Winter Accelerated: 10 Nov 2014

Summer Accelerated: 23 Mar 2015

Only those officer candidates who attend the ILARNG Pre OCS for at least 3 months and petition to attend the accelerated program will be considered by the selection board. Attendance at the pre-phase training week is also required of ALL accelerated OCS candidates.

Competition for the limited number of seats available is keen. Soldiers who are considering competing to attend the Accelerated program are strongly encouraged to begin review the ILARNG OCS Enrollment SOP (dated 1 OCT 2012) and begin drilling with the OCS Program right away.

“For decades the Illinois National Guard’s Officer Candidate School has challenged Soldiers and forged them into the next generation of leaders, carrying on the Illinois National Guard’s legacy of leadership.”

***– BG Johnny Miller, the Assistant Adjutant General –
Army of the Illinois National Guard.***

Officer Candidate School Prerequisite Requirements

ASVAB:

- Minimum GT score of 110 is required for enrollment into the OCS program

Medical:

- Must provide a Chapter 2 Commissioning Physical (DD 2807-1& DD 2808) within two years of anticipated commissioning date.
 - If Chapter 2 Commissioning Physical is older than one year from anticipated Commissioning date, a Periodic Health Assessment must also be completed.

Security Clearance:

- Must attain a Secret Security Clearance.

Age:

- Must commission prior to 42nd birthday.

Citizenship:

- Must be a U.S. or Nationalized Citizen.

APFT & Height/Weight:

- Must pass the Army Physical Fitness Test and meet height/weight requirements IAW AR 600-9 and annotated on a DA Form 5500 or 5501 prior to shipment to Phase 1 (Traditional or Accelerated)

Civilian Education:

- 90 Semester hours are required to attend Phase 1
 - Must provide proof of college credit depicted on an official college transcript. Transcript cannot read, “Issued to student.”
 - Soldiers can enter Pre OCS with less than 90 semester hours but will not ship to Phase 1 unless they have 90 semester hours as depicted on an official college transcript.

Military Education:

- DD214 indicating successful completion of Initial Active Duty Training (IADT) and Advanced Individual Training (AIT)
- Non Prior Service and Glossary Non Prior Service Soldiers require a DD220 showing completion of Initial Active Duty Training (IADT)

Tattoo Policy:

- Tattoo, Branding, and Body Mutilation Policy must be In Accordance With (IAW) AR 670-1, Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia.