AIR FORCE BIOMEDICAL EQUIPMENT TECHNICIAN (BMET) TRAINING

What is a BMET?

An Air Force BMET installs, inspects, repairs, calibrates, and modifies biomedical equipment and support systems. In addition, a BMET advises staff and other agencies on biomedical equipment operational theory, underlying physiological principles, and safe clinical applications.

What are the prerequisites?

An Air Force BMET training candidate must have minimum aptitude scores:

Electronics: 70    Mechanical: 60

The candidate must pass a color vision test. In addition, the candidate must meet all routine physical requirements for entry into the Air Force.

What do trainees do upon arrival?

All trainees in-process with the 937 Training Group Commander’s Support Staff (CSS) in Building 1469. In addition, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve trainees in-process with their respective liaisons (co-located with the CSS). All trainees must complete Information Assurance Awareness training and obtain an Army Knowledge Online (AKO) account prior to beginning the BMET program for use throughout training. In addition, the trainee will complete the 2-day Expeditionary Medical Readiness Course at Camp Bullis in San Antonio, TX prior to starting the BMET training program.

What should candidates know about BMET training?

The 41-week training program is provided at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, TX. It is a tri-service program on the consolidated Medical Education and Training Campus (METC). The normal training day is 0800 – 1700 Monday through Friday, with a one hour window to get lunch. METC is a walking campus, and driving restrictions during the duty day apply.

Where will a BMET trainee live while training?

If the trainee is single and arriving from Basic Military Training at Lackland Air Force Base, TX, the trainee will stay in the consolidated Air Force Dormitory located in Building 1469 on Fort Sam Houston. If the trainee is married and will relocate the spouse to San Antonio during the member’s BMET training, the trainee will more than likely stay in quarters on post (subject to availability) or be allowed to move off post. If the member is prior service, the member will live off post. Fort Sam Houston has schools, a commissary, post exchange, gas station and other community support programs in addition to what the local San Antonio community offers.

Who are some key points of contact?

937 Training Group Commander’s Support Staff: (210) 808-2669 or DSN 420-2669
BMET Program Air Force Service Lead: (210) 808-1875 or DSN 420-1875
Air Force Dormitory (Military Training Leader): (210) 808-2657 or DSN 420-2657
382 Training Squadron First Sergeant: (210) 808-1140 or DSN 420-1140