

**AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION
MILITARY PROGRAMS EVALUATION**

**Coast Guard Headquarters
Washington, DC
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CGW-OSS-001

OPERATIONS SYSTEMS

Exhibit Dates: 7/05–Present.

Career Pattern

Will have progressed to Operations Systems Specialist (OSS) from enlisted rating, Operations Specialist (OS).

Description

OSS Warrant officers are operational and technical specialists in the fields of security, surface operations, and C4I systems. They serve as command security officers, and assistant operations officers and are experts in the C4I systems capabilities, limitations, and reliability. They organize and supervise personnel in sector command centers and provide technical advice and information concerning physical and personnel security practices. They also advise commands on the proper methods of maintaining the Coast Guards common operating picture.

Recommendation

In the upper-division baccalaureate category, 3 semester hours in personnel management or supervision, 3 in project management, 3 in communications security, 3 in disaster recovery or risk management, 3 in communications systems management, 3 in physical security, and 3 in security management (10/06).