

SERE Specialist

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About SERE:

Survival, Evasion, Resistance, Escape (SERE) Specialists are a specialized career field in the US Air Force who prepare DoD personnel to return with honor from isolating events. Their training consists of learning to adapt to all biomes and their associated weather conditions, along with surviving various captivity situations.

Job Benefits and Incentives:

- Marketable skills for the civilian workplace. Instructor Certification, Leadership, Curriculum Development, Unique Technical Skills & More
- Special duty assignment pay of \$225 per month for all SERE Specialists.
- Extra pay for parachute duties and/or dive (dependent on qualification and duty assignment)
- *Non-Prior Service (NPS) Candidates Only*. Significant Initial Entry Bonus for a six-year enlistee upon completion of the SERE Specialist Training Apprentice Course.
- Reenlistment Bonus: Zone A = 5, Zones B = 2, C = 2, E = 3
- Ability to attend college and earn a degree. You will be given 50 of the 64 credit hours required to complete your Community College of the Air Force, Associates Degree (CCAF), upon graduating the SERE Specialist Training. Any additional credits you need to complete your CCAF degree and possibly a bachelor's degree in the future will be covered 100% paid within the cap limits set by the Air Force.
- Family friendly; predictable schedule after training with voluntary deployments within the first four years.
- Elite career field with plenty of opportunities to travel.

Training:

The average SERE Specialist will be in the rigorous training pipeline for approximately 1-year where they will become an expert on the methods used to survive in the arctic, desert, open ocean, jungle, and mountain regions. They will also understand what it takes to survive in a hostile environment while possibly evading as an isolated person and/or surviving in a captivity situation. But one of the most important skills that they will learn is the ability to affectively pass their knowledge on to others. SERE Specialists can "talk the talk" because they have "walked the walk." Training begins with the 15-day orientation course at JBSA Lackland, TX. After Lackland candidates will PCS to Fairchild AFB, WA to attend 6 pre-requisite SERE courses, and the 21-week AFSC awarding Tech School. In addition, candidates attend US Army Airborne School at Ft. Benning, Georgia for final award of their 3-Skill Level. Upon graduation of the SERE Specialist Pipeline, they will be authorized to wear the AETC Instructor badge, SERE Specialist Beret and Arch.

Entry Requirements:

- Score at least 55 in the General and Mechanical categories of the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test
- Obtain an 11th grade reading level on the Air Force Reading Abilities Test
- Must not have speech impediment which interferes with clear enunciation
- Certified Class III Physical that meets all requirements for SERE Specialist Duties and Static Line Parachute Training, IAW AFI 48-123
- **Physical Ability and Stamina Test (PAST), *minimum* entry requirements:**
 - 200-meter swim – free style, breast stroke, and/or side stroke – 10:00 minute time limit (*Average graduate time: 4-5 min*)
 - 1.5-mile run – less than 11:00 minutes (*Average graduate time: 10:00-10:30 min or better*)
 - Pull-ups (2 min) – 8 reps (*Average graduate reps: 11-14 plus*)
 - Sit-ups (2 min) – 48 reps (*Average graduate reps: 65-70 plus*)
 - Push-ups (2 min) – 48 reps (*Average graduate reps: 55-60 plus*)

If interested in becoming a SERE Specialist, go to our "USAF SERE" Facebook/Twitter pages, www.GOSERE.af.mil website, and call or email the SERE Recruiting Liaison Office (SRLO) on JBSA Lackland with your questions. SRLO can be reached at (210) 671-3882 from 0730-1530 CST or email 66trs.sss.gosere@us.af.mil. To learn more about other great opportunities like SERE, visit your local Air Force Recruiter or www.airforce.com.

