

FA52 Career Path

FA52 officers typically serve in their entry level FA 52 assignment as a junior MAJ. These entry level positions are typically at Combatant Commands, DoD support Agencies, or interagency organizations. All FA52 billets are KD assignments. FA52 officer promotion rates are competitive with the rest of the Army.

FA52 officers' career path differs from typical command tracks. **Each FA52 officer leverages their experiences and technical skills against a diverse problem set**; each career path is different. There is not enough time in a typical career to serve in all of the relevant and challenging assignments.

FA52 Functional Competencies:

- Nuclear weapon design, effects, and sustainment requirements
- Nuclear & CWMD planning
- U.S. nuclear policies and arms control treaties
- Nuclear & CWMD RDT&E capabilities

Nuclear and Countering WMD Functional Area 52 Officers

FA52 officers are on the **frontline of the nation's strategic deterrence**. They leverage their experience and technical competence to advise Army senior leaders and policy makers on nuclear and Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction (CWMD) matters. These officers keep our Soldiers and country safe. FA52 selects high performers with the ability to understand highly technical content and provide clear and concise advice. The Army seeks talent from across the force with understanding and experience with nuclear physics, nuclear reactors, and CWMD operations.

Apply through normal VTIP procedures. HRC releases a MILPER message prior to each board.

FA52 Proponency Division seeks:

- Branch qualified CPTs
- Successful CCC and KD assignments
- STEM undergrad (preferred)
- Academic potential for graduate degree
- Ability to obtain and maintain TS/SCI

FA52 Education and Training

FA52 officers are encouraged to attend Advanced Civilian Schooling (ACS). Many requirements are in conjunction with teaching at USMA. Some institutions include:

- Air Force Institute of Technology
- U Tennessee (Knoxville)
- UC Berkeley
- Georgia Tech
- National Intelligence University

Officers typically study nuclear engineering, physics, policy, or other CWMD related disciplines.

FA52 officers may also receive specific training at the national laboratories, civilian institutions, or joint facilities on nuclear and CWMD matters.

Contact the FA52 Proponency Division for more information:

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