

In January 1967, the United States Army Medical Materiel Agency (USAMMA), located at Valley Forge General Hospital in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, established one of the longest running courses in the Medical Command. The course, known as the Medical Depot Inventory Management Course, was designed to enhance staff development in the Medical Logistics Officers. The first course saw two Captains embark on this training platform. It remained the Medical Depot Inventory Management Course for 5-1/2 years.

In June 1972, the United States Army was changing dramatically. As with any changes presented by the Army, so must the subordinate commands change too. USAMMA felt it was necessary to reflect these changes within the current Medical Depot Inventory Management Course. The practices within the depot operations demanded change in our medical materiel management practices. The course curriculum was revisited and changes were made to enhance management practices offered to the officers attending the course. Those changes brought on a new course outline and hence a new title, Medical Materiel Management Course.

Two years later, the US Army moved USAMMA and the Medical Materiel Management Course to Fort Detrick's Airfield, which is now Ditto Avenue. Later the students moved into building T1419, a temporary building located behind USAMMA's main building and, in 1999, to building 1432, USAMMA's annex. The most recent move for USAMMA and the Internship was in February 2009 to the newly-established Defense Medical Logistics Center, a DOD joint collaboration, building 693.

July of 1995 saw the most current and definitely the most extensive change to the course. USAMMA once again revisited the course curriculum and totally revamped it from start to finish. After a year of researching and developing a new course outline, a new program was introduced to the Medical Command. It was renamed the Medical Logistics Management Internship Program.

The Internship Program, like the previous course, is a 24-week program. The most significant change to the program is the introduction of six program elements of instruction. These elements, as the keystone to the Program of Instruction (POI), are: Advanced Technology, Modern Business Practices & Management Techniques, DOD/DA Systems and Processes, DOD & Civilian Health Care Logistics, Medical Logistics Support, and Materiel Acquisition. The supporting program elements, which are written and oral communication skills, professional development requirements, and military history, round out the POI.

The program always strives to create outstanding medical logisticians. Since its establishment, 87 classes, comprising a total of 446 Army Officers, 4 Naval Officers, 9 Warrant Officers, 108 Noncommissioned Officers, and 4 Civilians have completed the program.