



National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program



Program Description	The National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program (NHSC LRP) offers primary medical, dental, and mental and behavioral health care clinicians the opportunity to have their student loans repaid while earning a competitive salary in exchange for serving in urban, rural, or tribal communities with limited access to care.	
Award Amounts and Service Commitments	Service Commitment	Award Amount
	Two years of full-time service (minimum 40 hours/week, 45 weeks/year) at an NHSC-approved site.	Up to \$75,000* OR Up to \$50,000 (depending on discipline)
	Two years of half-time service (minimum 20 hours/week, 45 weeks/year)** at an NHSC-approved site.	Up to \$37,500* OR Up to \$25,000 (depending on discipline)
<p>*Primary care physicians, nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, and physician assistants are eligible for an increased award amount in 2024. Eligible providers must be working at an approved site in a primary care Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA).</p> <p>**Half-time practice is not available to those serving under the Private Practice Option (PPO). Read the NHSC LRP Application Program Guidance (APG) for the discipline-specific full-time and half-time clinical practice requirements.</p> <p>With continued service, NHSC LRP clinicians may be able to pay off all their student loans.</p>		
Tax Liability	Not taxable	
Maternity Care Target Areas (MCTAs)	<p>To support HRSA-designated Maternity Care Target Areas (MCTAs) where there is a significant shortage of maternity care providers, the NHSC will review and approve applications from maternity care health professionals by descending HPSA or MCTA score, whichever is higher, and based on the funding priorities. Scores can be found on the selected NHSC-approved site's Health Workforce Connector (HWC) profile.</p> <p>Maternity care health professionals include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Physicians (MD/DO) Obstetrics/Gynecology• Family medicine physicians (MD/DO) who practice obstetrics on a regular basis• Certified nurse midwives (CNM)	



Eligible Disciplines	<p>Physician (MD/DO)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family medicine • Obstetrics/Gynecology • General internal medicine • Geriatrics • General pediatrics • General psychiatry <p>Physician Assistant (PA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult • Family • Pediatric • Women's health • Geriatrics 	<p>Nurse Practitioner (NP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult • Family • Pediatric • Geriatrics • Women's health <p>Certified Nurse Midwife</p> <p>Dentistry (DDS/DMD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General dentistry • Pediatric dentistry <p>Registered Dental Hygienist</p>	<p>Mental and Behavioral Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health service psychologist • Licensed clinical social worker • Licensed professional counselor • Marriage and family therapist • Nurse practitioner – mental health and psychiatry • Physician assistant – mental health and psychiatry
Application Requirements	Applicants must be a U.S. citizen (U.S.-born or naturalized) or a U.S. national.		
Funding Priorities	<p>The NHSC gives first priority funding to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current (or former) National Health Service Corps participants with remaining eligible loans who are seeking to extend their service obligation. • Clinicians likely to remain practicing in a HPSA, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Applicants who have completed a HRSA-funded Primary Care Training and Enhancement Training (PCTE): Primary Care Champions Program, the Addiction Medicine Fellowship (AMF), the HRSA-funded Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education (THCGME) Program, the HRSA-funded Advanced Nursing Education-Nurse Practitioner Residency (ANE-NPR) Program, ANE-NPR Integration Program (ANE-NPRIP) and Graduate Psychology Education (GPE) Program. – Applicants with a disadvantaged background. 		
Where Members Serve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinicians must work at an NHSC-approved site in a HPSA. • HPSAs are located around the country in rural, urban, and tribal areas. • NHSC-approved sites are generally outpatient facilities providing primary medical, dental, and/or mental and behavioral health services. These facilities may be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) – FQHC Look-Alikes – Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) – Indian Health Service, Tribal, and Urban Indian Health Clinics (ITUs); and some Indian Health Service (IHS) hospitals with an affiliated outpatient clinic – Private practices (solo/group) – State or federal correctional facilities – Community outpatient facilities – Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) with an affiliated outpatient clinic – Community Health Centers (CHCs) – Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Health Service Corps – Mobile units or free clinics – School-based clinics – State and county health departments and health clinics 		
Web Site	NHSC LRP		

NHSC's mission is to build healthy communities by supporting qualified medical, dental, mental, and behavioral health care clinicians working in areas of the United States with limited access to care.

