



Bureau of Health Workforce Loan Repayment Programs for Nurses

Nurse practitioners who are dedicated to working in communities with limited access to health care can reduce their educational debt through the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Loan Repayment Program or the NURSE Corps Loan Repayment Program (LRP). Administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, these programs support nurse practitioners who are dedicated to working in health care facilities with a critical shortage of nurses. Both programs award loan repayment to nurse practitioners who agree to work in urban, rural, and frontier communities with limited access to care throughout the United States in exchange for a commitment to serve at a site for a minimum of two years. Nurse practitioners may be eligible to apply to both programs but are only permitted to accept loan repayment from one.

What are the similarities—and differences—between the programs? Take a look.

	NHSC Loan Repayment Program	NURSE Corps Loan Repayment Program
Program Eligibility Requirements/ Eligible Disciplines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. citizen (U.S. born or naturalized) or U.S. national • Working in one of the following nursing disciplines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Primary Care Nurse Practitioner</i> (adult, family, pediatric, psychiatric/ mental health, geriatrics, and women’s health) – <i>Certified Nurse-Midwife</i> – <i>Psychiatric Nurse Specialist</i> • Employed at an NHSC-approved service site (see list below) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or lawful permanent resident • Working in one of the following nursing disciplines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Registered Nurse</i> – <i>Nurse Practitioner</i> – <i>Certified Nurse-Midwife</i> – <i>Clinical Nurse Specialist</i> – <i>Nurse Anesthetist</i> – <i>Nurse Faculty</i> • Employed full-time at a public or private nonprofit Critical Shortage Facility (see list below) OR employed full-time at an eligible public or private nonprofit school of nursing
Site Types	<p>Must work at an NHSC-approved service site, located in, designated as, or serving a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA)</p>	<p>Must work in a public or private nonprofit Critical Shortage Facility, which is a health care facility located in, designated as, or serving a primary care or mental health HPSA</p> <p>Nurse faculty must be employed by an eligible public or private nonprofit school of nursing</p>



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	NHSC Loan Repayment Program	NURSE Corps Loan Repayment Program
Site Types, <i>cont'd</i>	<p>Site types are outpatient facilities and may be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FQHC Look-Alike Dual-Funded Tribal Health Center Rural Health Clinic Hospital-Affiliated Primary Care Outpatient Clinic Indian Health Service, Tribal, and Urban Indian Health Clinic (ITU) Indian and Tribal Hospitals Private Practice (Solo/Group) State or Federal Correctional Facility Other Health Facilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Mental Health Facility Community Outpatient Facility Critical Access Hospital Free Clinic Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Health Service Corps Mobile Unit School-Based Health Program State and County Department of Health Clinic 	<p>Site types may be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Critical Access Hospital (CAH) Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Public Hospital Private Hospital Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Indian Health Service Health Center Native Hawaiian Health Center Rural Health Clinic State or Local Public Health or Human Services Department Nurse Managed Health Clinic/Center Urgent Care Center Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic End-Stage Renal Disease Dialysis Ambulatory Surgical Center Residential Nursing Home Home Health Agency Hospice Program <p><i>*Ineligible facilities include, but are not limited to private practice offices and clinics in prisons or correctional facilities.</i></p>
Financial Benefits	<p>Offers two levels of funding , based upon the need of the community in which the nurse practitioner works, as defined by HPSA score:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In sites with HPSA score of 14-26: Up to \$50,000 for 2-year, full-time or \$25,000 for 2-year, half-time service commitment In sites with HPSA score 0-13: Up to \$30,000 for 2-year, full-time or \$15,000 for 2-year, half-time service commitment <p>With continued service, nurse practitioners may be able to pay off all of their qualified student loans.</p>	<p>Offers 60 percent of total outstanding qualifying educational loan balance incurred while pursuing an education in nursing for a 2-year service commitment :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qualifying participants may receive an additional 25 percent of their original loan balance for a third year of service.
Tax Liability	The Loan Repayment award is not taxable.	The full Loan Repayment award is taxable; however, federal taxes are deducted from the award.
Program Web Sites	http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loanrepayment/loanrepaymentprogram	http://www.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/repayment/nursing





Scholarship Programs for Nurses

Nurse practitioner students can reduce their educational debt through the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Scholarship Program or the NURSE Corps Scholarship Program. Administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, these scholarship programs support nurse practitioner students committed to working in communities with limited access to care. Students can apply to one program—or both—but may only accept a scholarship from one.

What are the similarities—and differences—between the programs? Take a look.

	NHSC Scholarship Program	NURSE Corps Scholarship Program
<p>Program Description</p> <p>Both the NHSC Scholarship Program and the NURSE Corps Scholarship Program award scholarships to nurse practitioner students in return for a commitment to provide health care in a community with limited access to care upon graduation and completion of training. But where you serve varies.</p>	<p>Minimum of two years of full-time service at an NHSC-approved site in a Health Professional Shortage Area of greatest need (areas of greatest need are determined annually). The total number of years of service that scholars fulfill will depend on the number of years of scholarship support that was received.</p> <p>Site types may be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) FQHC Look-Alike Rural Health Clinic Hospital-affiliated Primary Care Outpatient Clinic Indian Health Service, Tribal Clinic, and Urban Indian Health Clinic (ITU) State or Federal Correctional Facility Private Practice (Solo/Group) Other Health Facilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Mental Health Facility Community Outpatient Facility Critical Access Hospital Free Clinic Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Health Service Corps Mobile Unit School-Based Health Program 	<p>Minimum two-year service commitment (or part-time equivalent) at an eligible health care facility with a critical shortage of nurses in high need areas across the country.</p> <p>Must work in a public or private nonprofit Critical Shortage Facility, which is a health care facility located in, designated as, or serving a primary care or mental health HPSA</p> <p>Nurse faculty must be employed by an eligible public or private nonprofit school of nursing</p> <p>Site types may be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Critical Access Hospital (CAH) Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Public Hospital Private Hospital Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Indian Health Service Health Center Native Hawaiian Health Center Rural Health Clinic State or Local Public Health or Human Services Department Nurse Managed Health Clinic/Center Urgent Care Center Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic

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	NHSC Scholarship Program	NURSE Corps Scholarship Program
Site Types, <i>cont'd</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — State and County Department of Health Clinic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End Stage Renal Disease Dialysis • Ambulatory Surgical Center Residential • Nursing Home • Home Health Agency • Hospice Program <p><i>*Ineligible facilities include, but are not limited to private practice offices and clinics in prisons or correctional facilities.</i></p>
Financial Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuition and fees • An annual payment for other reasonable costs to cover expenses for books, clinical supplies and instruments • A monthly stipend to cover living expenses • Monthly stipend is taxable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuition and fees • An annual payment for other reasonable costs to cover expenses for books, clinical supplies and instruments • A monthly stipend to cover living expenses • The full scholarship award is taxable
<p>Program Eligibility Requirements and Funding Preferences</p> <p>Both scholarship programs accept applications from nurse practitioner students. The NHSC Scholarship Program also accepts applications from other health profession students. The eligibility requirements and funding preferences vary by program.</p>	<p>Applicant must be accepted or enrolled as a full-time student in a degree program at a U.S.-accredited school in one of the following primary care disciplines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nurse practitioner • Medicine (MD or DO) • Dentistry (DDS or DMD) • Certified nurse-midwife • Physician assistant • Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) <p>If there are more qualified applicants than available funding, the NHSC Scholarship Program will prioritize new applicants based upon those who have an Exceptional Financial Need status and/or are from a disadvantaged background and are dedicated to continuing to serve communities of need after their commitment to the NHSC is complete.</p>	<p>Applicant must be accepted or enrolled as a full or part-time student in one of the following U.S.-accredited nursing degree programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Associate Degree • A Collegiate School of Nursing • A Diploma School of Nursing • A Nursing Bridge Program: (RN to BSN, RN to MSN-NP, Direct Entry MSN-NP) <p>The NURSE Corps Scholarship Program reserves up to half of its funding for nurse practitioner students.</p> <p>If there are more qualified applicants than available funding, NURSE Corps Scholarship Program will prioritize applications based upon the level of financial need of the applicant. Applicants with an Expected Family Contribution of between \$0 and \$5,158 will be considered as having the greatest financial need. Among qualified applicants with the greatest financial need, funding preference will be given to full-time students.</p>
Program Web Sites	www.nhsc.hrsa.gov/scholarships	www.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/scholarships/nursing

For questions about the NURSE Corps Scholarship Program and NHSC Scholarship Program, contact the Customer Care Center at **1-800-221-9393**.



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Texas Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Program

Foreign Medical Graduate Options after Medical Training

Fulfill the two-year return home rule or receive a waiver from an interested government agency:

- Appalachian Regional Commission - <http://www.arc.gov/>
- Delta Regional Authority - <http://www.dra.gov/>
- Federal Health and Human Services - <https://www.hhs.gov/about/agencies/oga/about-oga/what-we-do/visitor-exchange-program/requirements-for-waiver-for-clinical-care.html>
- Veterans Affairs Hospitals - www.va.gov/vhapublications/viewpublication.asp?pub_id=2383
- Conrad/State 30 programs
 1. Texas program: <http://www.dshs.texas.gov/chpr/j1info.shtm>

Shortage Area Eligibility Requirements for the 2020 Year-Cycle

Primary Care & Subspecialists:

Eligible areas are limited to: Primary Care geographic and special population Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs); and federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) and certified rural health clinics (RHCs) with an "automatic" facility HPSA designation & MUAs that have been updated within the last 4 years.

Mental Health (Psychiatrist or Addiction Medicine):

Eligible areas are limited to: Mental Health Professional Shortage Areas (MHPSAs); federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) and certified rural health clinics (RHCs) with an "automatic" facility HPSA designation; State Hospitals with a facility MHPSA; & MUAs that have been updated within the last 4 years.

The HPSA or MHPSA must have a "designated" status on September 1, 2019.

In addition, applicants are eligible in areas affected by an ongoing exposure to a disease that is reportable under 81.048 (must be in a HPSA or MUA per federal legislation and have a current shortage of physicians or use a flex spot if available).

HPSA & MUA look-up by address: <https://data.hrsa.gov/tools/shortage-area/by-address>

Application Process for Texas Conrad 30 Program

For the 2020 application cycle, applications will be accepted beginning September 3, 2019 through September 16, 2019. If more than 30 applications are received by the deadline, priority will be given in the following order:

1. Applicants who will practice in a primary care or mental health care specialty as listed in [C30-2020.01](#) of the Texas Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Program Policy Manual.

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2. Applicants who will practice in a county that DSHS determines is affected by an ongoing exposure to a disease that is designated as reportable under [Texas Health and Safety Code, Section 81.048](#)
3. Applicants who will practice in other specialties as listed in [C30-2020.01](#) of the Texas Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Program Policy Manual will receive lowest priority.

Documents that make up the waiver application (an immigration attorney may put this together):

- 1) **Data Sheet:** DS-3035
- 2) **Employment Contract** (minimum three-year term, no exceptions)
- 3) **IAP-66/DS-2019 Forms**
- 4) **Letter from Facility**
- 5) **Evidence of Shortage Designation Status**
- 6) **Curriculum Vitae**
- 7) **Explanation for Out of Status** (if applicable)
- 8) **Form G-28** (from attorney)
- 9) **A "No Objection" Statement** (if applicable)
- 10) **Explanation for out of status** (if applicable)
- 11) **Document with Texas medical license number, NPI number, and permanent email address**
- 12) **Verification of site eligibility if in a population-based HPSA**
- 13) **\$3,000 application fee**

DSHS will review applications in accordance with the information set out in the program's policy manual. DSHS will then forward as many as 30 waiver recommendations to the Department of State, which reviews and forwards the application to USCIS.

*Please see Texas Conrad 30 J-1 Visa Waiver Program Policy Manual, available on the Texas program's website (<http://www.dshs.texas.gov/chpr/j1info.shtm>), for further clarification.

For more information, contact:

Texas Primary Care Office
Texas Department of State Health Services
512-776-6541

Conrad30@dshs.texas.gov
<http://www.dshs.texas.gov/chpr/j1info.shtm>

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Loan Repayment Program for Mental Health Professionals

Fact Sheet

The purpose of the Loan Repayment Program for Mental Health Professionals is to encourage qualified mental health professionals to practice in a Mental Health Professional Shortage Area (MHPSA) and provide mental health care services to recipients under the medical assistance program authorized by the Texas Human Resources Code, Chapter 32, and to enrollees under the child health plan program authorized by the Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 62.

Eligible Practice Specialties

- Psychiatrists
- Psychologists
- Advanced Practice Nurses who are board certified in psychiatric or mental health nursing
- Licensed Professional Counselors
- Licensed Clinical Social Workers
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists
- Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselors who have received an associate's degree related to chemical dependency counseling or behavioral science

Eligibility Requirements

- Be a US citizen or a Legal Permanent Resident and have no professional license restrictions;
- **For psychiatrists only**, be eligible to take the exam for board certification from the specialty board established by THECB administrative rules during the first, second, or third service period, if the psychiatrist has not earned and maintained board certification;
- Agree to provide five consecutive years of service in a
 - Federally designated MHPSA, or
 - Secure correctional facility operated by or under contract with the Texas Juvenile Justice Department located in a MHPSA, or
 - Secure correctional facility operated by or under contract with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice located in a MHPSA;
- Provide direct patient care to Medicaid enrollees and/or the Texas Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) enrollees;
- Not be currently fulfilling another obligation to provide mental health services as part of a scholarship agreement, a student loan agreement, or another student loan repayment program.

For additional details, please review the program administrative rules authorized the Texas Administrative Code, Title 19, Part 1, Chapter 23, Subchapter D.

Award Amount

The following maximum aggregate award amounts are applicable over a period of five years:

- \$160,000 for psychiatrists
- \$80,000 for psychologists and licensed clinical social workers, licensed professional counselors, and licensed marriage and family therapists who hold doctoral degrees
- \$60,000 for advanced practice nurses
- \$40,000 for licensed clinical social workers, licensed professional counselors, and licensed marriage and family therapists who do not hold doctoral degrees
- \$10,000 for licensed chemical dependency counselors who hold associates degrees

If the verified loan balance is less than the maximum aggregate award amount:

- 10% of the original verified loan balance will be awarded in year one.
- 15% of the original verified loan balance will be awarded in year two.
- 20% of the original verified loan balance will be awarded in year three.
- 25% of the original verified loan balance will be awarded in year four.
- 30% of the original verified loan balance will be awarded in year five.

Eligible Loans

Must be evidenced by a promissory note which required the loan proceeds to be used to pay for the cost of attendance for the undergraduate, graduate, or professional education of the individual applying for repayment assistance;

- May not have been made during residency or to cover costs incurred after completion of a graduate or professional education;
- May not be in default at the time of the physician's application;
- May not have an existing service obligation.

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National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program



Program Description	<p>The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Loan Repayment Program (LRP) offers primary care medical, dental, and mental and behavioral health care providers the opportunity to have their student loans repaid, while earning a competitive salary, in exchange for providing health care in urban, rural, or tribal communities with limited access to care.</p>		
Financial Benefits	<p>The NHSC LRP offers two levels of funding, based upon the need of the community in which a provider works, as defined by a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) score.</p>		
Initial Award Amounts		2 Years Full-Time	2 Years Half-Time
	Sites with HPSA Score of 14-26	Up to \$50,000	Up to \$25,000
	Sites with HPSA Score of 0-13	Up to \$30,000	Up to \$15,000
	With continued service, NHSC providers may be able to pay off all of their student loans.		
Service Commitments	<p>Full-Time Option: 2 years of full-time service (minimum 40 hours/week, 45 weeks/year) at an NHSC-approved site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For all health professionals, except as noted below: 32 hours/week providing patient care at an NHSC-approved site. • For OB/GYNs, Certified Nurse-Midwives, Pediatric Dentists and Geriatric Service providers: 21 hours/week providing care at an NHSC-approved site; 19 hours/week providing patient care at an alternate site. • No more than 8 hours/week may be spent on practice-related duties. • Up to 8 hours/week may be spent teaching in a clinical setting. <p>Half-Time Option: 2 years of half-time service (minimum 20 hours/week, 45 weeks/year) at an NHSC-approved site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For all health professionals, except as noted below: 16 hours/week providing patient care at an NHSC-approved site. • For OB/GYNs, Certified Nurse-Midwives, Pediatric Dentists and Geriatric Service providers: 11 hours/week providing patient care at an NHSC-approved site; 9 hours providing patient care at an alternate site. • No more than 4 hours/week may be spent on practice-related duties or teaching. 		

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Eligible Disciplines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physician (MD/DO) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Family Medicine ○ Obstetrics/ Gynecology ○ General Internal Medicine ○ Geriatrics ○ General ○ Pediatrics ○ General Psychiatry • Physician Assistant (primary care) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nurse Practitioner (NP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nurse Practitioner (adult, family, pediatric) ○ Psychiatric/ Mental Health ○ Geriatrics ○ Women's Health ○ Certified Nurse-Midwife ○ Psychiatric Nurse Specialist 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dentistry (DDS, DMD) • Dental Hygienist • Mental and Behavioral Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Health Service Psychologist ○ Licensed Clinical Social Worker ○ Licensed Professional Counselor ○ Marriage and Family Therapist ○ Physician Assistant
Where Members Serve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHSC clinicians must work at an NHSC-approved site in a HPSA. • HPSAs are located around the country in rural, urban and frontier communities. • NHSC-approved sites are generally outpatient facilities providing primary medical, dental, and/or mental and behavioral health services. These facilities may be a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) ○ FQHC Look-Alike ○ Rural Health Clinic ○ Indian Health Service, Tribal, and Urban Indian Health Clinics (ITUs); and some Indian Health Services (IHS) hospitals ○ Hospital-affiliated Primary Care Outpatient Clinic ○ Private Practice (Solo/Group) ○ State or Federal Correctional Facility ○ Other Health Facilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Mental Health Facility • Community Outpatient Facility • Critical Access Hospital • Free Clinic • Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Health Service Corps • Mobile Unit • School-based Health program • State and County Department of Health Clinic 		
Application Requirement	U.S. citizen (U.S. born or naturalized) or U.S. national		
Tax Liability	Not taxable		
Web Site	https://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loan-repayment/nhsc-loan-repayment-program.html		

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



WHICH ONE IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

PROGRAM TYPE	NHSC Loan Repayment Program	NHSC SUD Workforce Loan Repayment Program	NHSC Rural Community Loan Repayment Program
DISCIPLINES ELIGIBLE FOR ALL PROGRAMS	Physicians (DO/MD) • Nurse Practitioners (NP) • Physician Assistants (PA) • Certified Nurse Midwives (CNM) Health Service Psychologists (HSP) • Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW) • Psychiatric Nurse Specialists (PNS) Marriage and Family Therapists (MFT) • Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC)		
DISCIPLINES ELIGIBLE FOR SPECIFIC PROGRAMS	<p>+</p> <p>Dentists (DDS/DMD) Dental Hygienists (RDH)</p>	<p>+</p> <p>Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Counselors • Pharmacists (PHARM) Registered Nurses (RN)</p> <p><small>*Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA) are only eligible for the Rural Community LRP</small></p>	
AWARD AMOUNT	UP TO \$50K full-time / UP TO \$25K part-time	UP TO \$75K full-time / UP TO \$37.5K part-time	UP TO \$100K full-time / UP TO \$50K part-time
SERVICE COMMITMENT	2 YEARS	3 YEARS	
NHSC HEALTH CARE SITE	✓ Any NHSC-approved site	✓ Any NHSC-approved SUD site	✓ Any rural, NHSC-approved SUD site

All programs use one application, **but you can only apply to one program.**

HEALTH WORKFORCE CONNECTOR

Job seekers & students can search approved sites, including those with current job openings & student rotations, for both NHSC & NURSE Corps



Health Workforce Connector

Find Your Opportunity to **Make a Difference**

Keyword	Location	
<input type="text" value="Job Title, Discipline, or Site Name"/>	<input type="text" value="City, State, or Zip Code"/>	<input type="button" value="Go!"/>
Advanced Search		

HEALTH WORKFORCE CONNECTOR

- ✓ Job Seekers & Students can create profiles!
- ✓ HPSA Scores are now live! Scores used are as of placement date (Scholars & S2S), or final day of the loan repayment program application cycle.
- ✓ Online site profiles showcase services offered, patients served annually, optional photos and much more.
- ✓ Google Maps technology allows users to view the surrounding community
- ✓ Narrow your job search by:
 - Field of Practice
 - Discipline
 - Specialty
 - HPSA Score
 - Distance
 - Site Type
 - Site Name
 - Sites with Open Positions or Rotation Opportunities



National Health Service Corps Rural Community Loan Repayment Program



Program Description	<p>The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Rural Community Loan Repayment Program (LRP) supports clinicians working to combat the opioid epidemic in the nation’s rural communities. The NHSC Rural Community LRP makes loan repayment awards in coordination with the Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP) within the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP) to provide evidence-based substance use treatment, assist in recovery, and to prevent overdose deaths in rural communities across the nation.</p>	
Award Amounts	Service Commitment	Award
	3 years Full-Time	Up to \$100,000
Service Commitments	Full-Time Option: 3 years of full-time service (minimum 40 hours/week, 45 weeks/year).	
	Half-Time Option: 3 years of half-time service (minimum 20 hours/week, 45 weeks/year)*.	
Eligible Disciplines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physicians • Nurse practitioners • Certified nurse-midwives • Physician assistants • Behavioral health professionals • Substance use disorder counselors • Registered nurses • Pharmacists • Certified registered nurse anesthetists 	
Application Requirements and Priority Information	<p>Applicants must be U.S. citizens (U.S. born or naturalized) or U.S. nationals</p> <p>Clinicians receive award preference if they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are an NHSC Scholar who will complete their current service obligation by July 31; • Work at a rural, NHSC-approved SUD treatment facility that has received RCORP funding; • Are licensed or certified in substance use disorder interventions, such as master’s-level substance use disorder counselors; or • Have a DATA 2000 waiver. 	

* Half-time practice is not available to those serving under the Private Practice Option (PPO). Learn more in the Rural Community LRP Application Program and Guidance at nhsc.hrsa.gov/rural-lrp.



<p>Where Members Serve</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHSC Rural Community LRP applicants must work at a rural NHSC-approved SUD treatment facility located in a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA). • A rural NHSC-approved SUD treatment facility must meet the requirements in the NHSC Site Agreement and NHSC Site Reference Guide. • Eligible sites can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ SAMHSA-certified outpatient treatment programs (OTPs) ◦ Office-based opioid treatment facilities (OBOTs) ◦ Non-opioid substance use disorder treatment facilities (SUD treatment facilities) ◦ Federally Qualified Health Care Centers (FQHCs) ◦ Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) ◦ American Indian Health facilities and Indian Health Service (IHS) hospitals ◦ FQHC Look-Alikes ◦ State or federal correctional facilities ◦ Critical Access Hospitals ◦ Community health centers ◦ State or local health departments ◦ Community outpatient facilities ◦ Private practices ◦ School-based clinics ◦ Mobile units and free clinics • Clinicians qualify for the NHSC Rural Community LRP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ If they work at a rural, NHSC-approved SUD treatment facility with a HPSA score that would ordinarily be too low to qualify for NHSC funding. ◦ Using either the mental health or primary care HPSA score of their NHSC-approved SUD treatment facility.
<p>Tax Liability</p>	<p>Not taxable</p>
<p>Website</p>	<p>nhsc.hrsa.gov/rural-lrp</p>

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National Health Service Corps Scholarship Program



Program Description	Students pursuing a career in primary health care are eligible to receive funding for their education in exchange for practicing in rural, urban, and tribal communities with limited access to care, upon graduation and licensure.
Eligible Disciplines	Enrolled or accepted in the following primary health care disciplines in an eligible degree program in a U.S. state or territory: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary Care Physician (MD or DO) • Dentist (DDS or DMD) • Nurse Practitioner (NP) • Certified Nurse-Midwife (CNM) • Physician Assistant (PA)
Service Commitment	1-year service commitment per scholarship year or partial scholarship year; 2-year minimum and 4-year maximum.
Financial Benefits	Funding for a maximum of 4 years: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuition • Required fees • Reasonable educational costs • Monthly support stipend
Tax Liability	Only stipend is taxable.
Where Members Serve	NHSC Scholars must practice at an NHSC-approved site in a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) with a minimum score that is determined annually. Service requirement is for a maximum of 4 years. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHSC sites are located in 50 states, DC, and U.S. territories and may be a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) ○ FQHC Look-alike ○ Rural Health Clinic ○ Hospital-affiliated Primary Care Outpatient Clinic ○ Indian Health Service, Tribal Clinic, and Urban Health Service Corps ○ Indian Health Clinic (ITU); IHS and Some Tribal Hospitals ○ State or Federal Correctional Facility ○ Private Practice (Solo/Group) ○ Other Health Facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Mental Health Facility • Community Outpatient Facility • Critical Access Hospital • Free Clinic • Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Health Service Corps • Mobile Unit • School-based Health Program • State and County Department of Health Clinic
Application Requirements	U.S. citizen (U.S. born or naturalized) or U.S. national
Web Sites	NHSC - https://nhsc.hrsa.gov/scholarships/index.html HRSA Health Workforce Connector - https://connector.hrsa.gov/





National Health Service Corps Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Program



Program Description	<p>The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Program (SUD Workforce LRP) expands access to evidence-based substance use disorder treatment in underserved, high-need communities across the country. The program offers health care clinicians the opportunity to have their qualifying student loans repaid in exchange for serving at an NHSC-approved SUD site.</p>	
Award Amounts	Service Commitment	Award
	3 years Full-Time	Up to \$75,000
Service Commitments	Full-Time Option: 3 years of full-time service (minimum 40 hours/week, 45 weeks/year).	Half-Time Option: 3 years of half-time service (minimum 20 hours/week, 45 weeks/year)*.
	Half-Time Option: 3 years of half-time service (minimum 20 hours/week, 45 weeks/year)*.	
Eligible Disciplines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physicians • Nurse practitioners • Certified nurse midwives • Physician assistants • Behavioral health professionals • Substance use disorder counselors • Registered nurses • Pharmacists 	
Application Requirements and Priority Information	<p>Applicants must be a U.S. citizen (U.S. born or naturalized) or U.S. national</p> <p>Clinicians receive priority if they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a DATA 2000 waiver to provide medication-assisted treatment; • Serve in an opioid treatment program; <i>or</i> • Are licensed or certified in substance use disorder interventions, such as master’s-level substance use disorder counselors. 	

* Half-time practice is not available to those serving under the Private Practice Option (PPO). Learn more in the SUD Workforce LRP Application Program and Guidance at nhsc.hrsa.gov/sud-lrp.



Where Members Serve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHSC SUD Workforce LRP applicants must work at an NHSC-approved SUD site located in a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA). • An NHSC-approved SUD site must meet the requirements in the NHSC Site Agreement and NHSC Site Reference Guide. • Eligible sites can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SAMHSA-certified outpatient treatment programs (OTPs) ○ Office-based opioid treatment facilities (OBOTs) ○ Non-opioid substance use disorder treatment facilities (SUD treatment facilities) ○ Federally Qualified Health Care Centers (FQHCs) ○ Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) ○ American Indian Health facilities and Indian Health Service (IHS) hospitals ○ FQHC Look-Alikes ○ State or federal correctional facilities ○ Critical Access Hospitals ○ Community health centers ○ State or local health departments ○ Community outpatient facilities ○ Private practices ○ School-based clinics ○ Mobile units and free clinics • Clinicians qualify for the NHSC SUD Workforce LRP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If they work at a SUD site with a HPSA score that would ordinarily be too low to qualify for NHSC funding. ○ Using either the mental health or primary care HPSA score of their NHSC-approved SUD site.
Tax Liability	Not taxable
Web Site	nhsc.hrsa.gov/sud-lrp

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

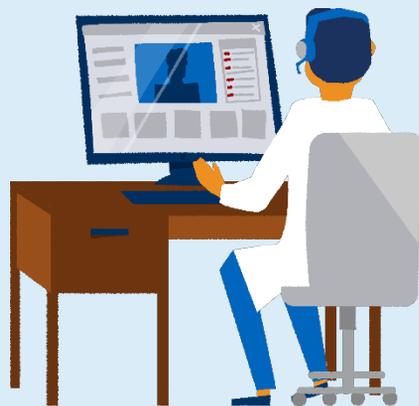


FREE TRAINING TO PROVIDE MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT (MAT)

Do you want to help patients with opioid use disorder? Eligible health care providers have access to free training to obtain a DATA 2000 Waiver, which allows them to deliver medication-assisted treatment (MAT).

HRSA's National Health Service Corps (NHSC) is connecting you to this opportunity via SAMHSA's Providers Clinical Support System (PCSS).

Visit nhsc.hrsa.gov/mat-training for additional information.



ELIGIBLE DISCIPLINES

- Physicians (MD or DO)
- Nurse Practitioners (NP)
- Physician Assistants (PA)
- Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNM)

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) issues DATA 2000 Waivers to qualified health care providers, allowing them to dispense the controlled substances used in MAT.



ABOUT THE TRAINING

- Free to complete
- Available in-person or online
- The MD/DO training course is eight hours
- NP, PA and CNM training courses are 24 hours

BENEFITS OF MAT TRAINING AND DATA 2000 WAIVER

- Help address opioid crisis
- Be more competitive for some NHSC funding opportunities
- Increase access to substance use disorder treatment in rural and underserved areas



Nurse Corps Loan Repayment Program

Program Description	Loan repayment is available to Registered Nurses (RN) and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) working in a public or private non-profit eligible Critical Shortage Facility (CSF) OR Nurse Faculty employed at an eligible school of nursing. A Critical Shortage Facility is a health care facility located in, designated as, or serving a primary medical care or mental health Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA).
Financial Assistance	Awarded participants will receive payments totaling 60 percent of their outstanding qualifying educational loan balance incurred while pursuing an education in nursing in exchange for a two-year service commitment. Qualifying participants may receive an additional 25 percent of their original loan balance for an optional third year of service.
Service Commitment	2-year minimum with an optional third year
Eligibility Requirements	<p>To be eligible for loan repayment, all applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or lawful permanent resident; • Have a current, full, permanent, unencumbered, unrestricted license; • Have earned a diploma, associate, baccalaureate, graduate or doctorate degree in nursing and have outstanding nursing educational loans; • Be employed as a full-time RN or APRN working at least 32 hours per week at an eligible CSF or an eligible school of nursing.
Where Participants Serve	<p>Registered Nurses and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses: Public or private non-profit Critical Shortage Facility located in a HPSA designation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical Access Hospital (CAH) • Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) • Public Hospital • Private Non-Profit Hospital • Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) • American Indian Health Facilities • Native Hawaiian Health Center • Rural Health Clinic • State or Local Health Department • Nurse Managed Health Clinic/Center • Urgent Care Center • Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) • Free and Charitable Clinics • End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) • Dialysis Centers • Ambulatory Surgical Center • Residential Nursing Home • Home Health Agency • Hospice Program <p>Nurse Faculty: Public or private non-profit schools of nursing, accredited by a national nursing or State agency</p>
Funding Preference	<p>Registered Nurses and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses: Preference will be given to nurses based on the greatest financial need, the type of facility where employed, and the mental health or primary care HPSA designation.</p> <p>Nurse Faculty: Preference will be given to nurse faculty members with the greatest financial need working at schools of nursing with at least 50 percent enrollment of students from a disadvantaged background.</p>
Tax Liability	The full loan repayment award is taxable.
Websites	<p>https://bhw.hrsa.gov/loans-scholarships/nurse-corps/loan-repayment-program https://www.connector.hrsa.gov</p>





National Health Service Corps Students to Service (S2S) Loan Repayment Program



<p>Program Description</p>	<p>Under the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Students to Service Loan Repayment Program (S2S LRP), medical students (MD or DO) and dental students (DMD or DDS) in their final year of school can receive loan repayment assistance in return for providing health care in urban, rural, or frontier communities with limited access to care.</p>
<p>Eligibility</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. citizen (U.S. born or naturalized) or U.S. national • Enrolled as a full-time student in the final year at a fully accredited medical or dental school in an eligible allopathic, osteopathic, doctor of dental surgery, or doctor of dental medicine degree program. • Planning to complete an accredited primary care medical or dental residency in an NHSC-approved specialty (Internal Medicine, Family Practice, Pediatrics, OB/GYN, Geriatrics, and Psychiatry. Dental applicants are encouraged, but are not required to complete a postgraduate training. Approved postgraduate training for dentists: General Practice Dentistry, Advance Education in General Dentistry, Pediatric and Public Health Dentistry, Geriatric Dentistry fellowship.
<p>Service Commitment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upon completion of residency, 3 years of full-time or 6 years of half-time service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Full-Time Clinical Practice — no less than 40 hours per week, for a minimum of 45 weeks a year ○ Half-Time Clinical Practice — no less than 20 hours per week (not to exceed 39 hours per week), for a minimum of 45 weeks per year.
<p>Financial Benefits</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loan repayment assistance up to \$120,000 with 3 years of full-time or 6 years of half-time service • Eligible providers may be able to pay off all qualifying student loans through continued service. They may apply for additional funding once their initial service obligation is completed. Funding is based on availability.
<p>Where Members Serve</p>	<p>NHSC Students to Service Loan Repayment Program participants must work at NHSC-approved sites in federally designated HPSAs of greatest need throughout the United States and its Territories. The NHSC publishes a list of approved sites each year. Review the NHSC Jobs Center to learn more about primary care job vacancies and information about NHSC-approved sites.</p> <p>Sites may be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federally-Qualified Health Center (FQHC) • FQHC Look-Alike • Rural Health Clinic (RHC) • Hospital Affiliated Primary Care Out-Patient Clinic • Critical Access Hospital • Federal Indian Health Service, Tribal Clinic, and Urban Indian Health Clinic (ITU) • Some Indian Health and Tribal Hospitals • Public Health Department • State or Federal Correctional Facility • Private Practice (Solo/Group) • Other Health Facility



How Awards Are Determined	<p>The NHSC will prioritize applications based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disadvantaged Background. The applicant must submit certification from a school that he/she: (i) was identified as having a “disadvantaged background” based on environmental and/or economic factors or (ii) received a Federal Exceptional Financial Need Scholarship. • Applicants Likely to Remain in a HPSA. The NHSC will also give funding preference to applicants who display characteristics that indicate a higher likelihood of continuing to serve in a HPSA once the service commitment is completed as outlined in their application essay and letters of recommendation.
Tax Liability	<p>Not taxable</p>
Web Site	<p>http://NHSC.hrsa.gov/loanrepayment/studentstoserviceprogram/index.html</p>



Nurse Corps Scholarship Program

Program Description	Nursing students are eligible to receive funding for their training in exchange for working a minimum of two years at an eligible Nurse Corps facility upon graduation.
Eligible Disciplines	Accepted or enrolled in a nursing degree program at an accredited school of nursing located in the United States or U.S. territory: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diploma School of Nursing • Associate Degree School of Nursing (ADN) • Collegiate School of Nursing (BSN, graduate degree) • Graduate Level Nurse Practitioner • Nursing Bridge Program (RN to BSN, RN to MSN-NP, Direct Entry MSN-NP)
Service Commitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-year minimum service commitment for 1–2 years of scholarship support (full-time status) • 1-year additional service commitment per scholarship year for full-time status students who need scholarship support for more than 2 years (4 years maximum support) • Full-time status: Minimum of 32 hours per week, for at least 45 weeks per year. 26 hours must be spent providing clinical services to patients.
Financial Benefits	Funding for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuition • Required fees • Monthly support stipend • Annual other reasonable educational costs (e.g., books, supplies, uniforms)
Tax Liability	Taxable
Where Clinicians Serve	<p>Nurse members work in a Critical Shortage Facility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambulatory Surgical Center • Federally Qualified Health Center/FQHC Look-Alike • Home Health Agency • Hospice Program • Public/Private Hospital • Indian Health Service, Tribal Clinic, and Urban Indian Health Clinic (ITU) • Urgent Care Center • Critical Access and Disproportionate Share Hospitals (CAH and DSH) • Native Hawaiian Health Center • Nursing Home • Rural Health Clinic (RHC) • Skilled Nursing Facility • State or Local Public Health Departments, including Public Health Clinic within the Department • Hospice Program • End Stage Renal disease Dialysis <p><i>*The health care facilities listed are Critical Shortage Facilities only if located in, designated as, or serving a primary medical care or mental health HPSA.</i></p> <p><i>Ineligible facilities include, but are not limited to private practice offices and clinics in prisons or correctional facilities</i></p>
Application Requirements	U.S. citizen (U.S. born or naturalized), U.S. national, or lawful permanent resident
Websites	https://bhw.hrsa.gov/loans-scholarships/nurse-corps/scholarship www.connector.hrsa.gov



RURAL COMMUNITIES HEALTH CARE INVESTMENT PROGRAM (RCHIP)

STATE OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH



Are you a clinician, other than a physician?

Eligible health professionals include, but are not limited to, physician assistants; nurses; physical and occupational therapists; pharmacists; optometrists; emergency medical technicians; speech pathologists; dentists; and licensed non-physician mental health practitioners.

Do you have a new license?

Received license within the last 24 months prior to application submission and practice in a qualifying community.

Are you new to rural?

Changed employment within the last 12 months, prior to application submission, from a practice site in a large county (over 500,000) to a qualifying community to practice in the field for which they are licensed.

Up to **\$10,000** for student loan reimbursement or stipend

Eligibility Requirements

- 1) Not have a service obligation to any entity or participate in any educational loan reimbursement program or other incentive program;
- 2) Hold a Texas license, certificate, registration, permit, or other form of authorization required by law or a state agency to work in a health care profession (herein collectively referred to as a license), other than MD or DO, and
 - Be newly licensed in the field under which this application is submitted (received first license within the last 24 months prior to application submission); OR
 - Be a licensed health professional practicing in a county with more than 50,000 people and move to practice in a qualifying community in the field under which this application is submitted (applicant may not have been residing or practicing in the qualifying community for more than 12 months prior to application submission);
- 3) Provide services to clients that receive at least one form of indigent care in qualifying community;
- 4) Agree to practice in the qualifying community for at least 12 consecutive months;
- 5) Provide services in a county that has either MUA designation or the HPSA designation appropriate for the provider type applying to the program (i.e. dentists apply for a dental HPSA, mental health providers apply for a mental health HPSA, primary care providers for a primary care HPSA); and
- 6) Establish an office and residency in the qualifying community before receiving any portion of the stipend (applies only to health professionals participating in the stipend program).

NOTE: Awards are made to facilities who then choose the recipients

For Additional Information

Contact Alix Colemere at the State Office of Rural Health at Alexandra.Colemere@TexasAgriculture.gov

Physician Education Loan Repayment Program Fact Sheet

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Physicians must:

- Hold a full physician license from the Texas Medical Board, with no restrictions
- Be eligible to take the exam for board certification from specialty boards established in THECB administrative rules, if the physician has not earned and maintained board certification
- Agree to provide four consecutive years of service in a (1) federally designated Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA), (2) secure correctional facility operated by or under contract with the Texas Juvenile Justice Department*, or (3) secure correctional facility operated by or under contract with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice*
- Provide direct patient care to Medicaid enrollees and CHIP enrollees, if the practice includes children
- Not be currently fulfilling another obligation to provide medical services as part of a scholarship agreement, a student loan agreement, or another student loan repayment program

**Limited to 10 participants each year*

APPROVED PRIMARY CARE SPECIALTIES

- Family Medicine/Family Practice
- General Practice
- Obstetrics/Gynecology
- General Internal Medicine
- Medicine-Pediatrics
- General Pediatrics
- Psychiatry
- Geriatrics

SERVICE PERIOD

The service period is a period of twelve consecutive months, generally beginning on the date the application is received or the date qualifying employment begins, whichever is later.

REPAYMENT AWARDS

Annual loan repayments are disbursed directly to the lender/servicer following completion of each service period. For those applying after September 1, 2019, physicians whose student loan indebtedness is at least \$180,000 may qualify for the amounts shown below, based on full-time service. For physicians owing less than \$180,000 on their student loans, the annual loan repayment amounts based on full-time service will be the amounts required to repay the indebtedness over a period of four years, with annual increases that are proportional to the annual increases for physicians owing at least \$180,000 on their student loans, as follows:

- \$30,000 for the first service period or 16% of the amount owed, if the total is less than \$180,000
- \$40,000 for the second service period or 22% of the amount owed, if the total is less than \$180,000
- \$50,000 for the third service period or 28% of the amount owed, if the total is less than \$180,000
- \$60,000 for the fourth service period or 34% of the amount owed, if the total is less than \$180,000

The following conditions render loans **INELIGIBLE** for repayment through the PELRP: (1) loans made during residency or to cover post-medical school expenses, (2) loans in a default status, (3) loans having an existing service obligation, and (4) loans that are subject to repayment through another student loan repayment or forgiveness program.

New Eligibility Path - Contingent on Availability of End-of-Year Funds

House Bill 2550, passed by the 83rd Texas Legislature, allows physicians who are not practicing in HPSAs or secure correctional facilities to qualify for participation in the PELRP, if during the applicable year, they have provided services to a designated minimum number of Medicaid or Texas Woman's Health Program enrollees.

Applications based on this provision that were received after the start of the state fiscal year will be considered during the quarter ending August 31, only if funds are available after financial commitments for state fiscal year have been made to physicians practicing in HPSAs and secure correctional facilities.

The following service levels are required for consideration of applications under the new provision:

Practice Specialty	# of Unduplicated Clients
Family Medicine	200
Internal Medicine	200
Pediatrics	200
Ob/Gyn	200
Geriatrics	25
Psychiatry	150

IMPORTANT: The source of data to be used in determining service levels will be the paid Medicaid claims and HMO encounter data for Medicaid and Texas Women's Health Program services provided by physicians applying for loan repayment.

It is IMPERATIVE that your own TPI and NPI be used if you are the rendering physician for claims/encounters submitted to Texas Medicaid Health Partner (TMHP), to be considered in the required client count.

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