



National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program



Program Description	The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Loan Repayment Program (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	Two Years Full-Time	Two Years Half-Time
	Up to \$50,000	Up to \$25,000
	With continued service , NHSC clinicians may be able to pay off all their student loans.	
Tax Liability	Not taxable	
Service Commitments	Full-Time Option:	
	Two years of full-time service (minimum 40 hours/week, 45 weeks/year) at an NHSC-approved site. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For all health professionals, except as noted below: 36 hours/week providing patient care at an NHSC-approved site. View the NHSC LRP APG for the discipline specific full-time clinical practice requirements. No more than 8 hours/week may be spent in a teaching capacity or performing clinical-related administrative activities (limited to 4 hours/week). 	
	Half-Time Option:	
	Two years of half-time service (minimum 20 hours/week, 45 weeks/year)* at an NHSC-approved site. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For all health professionals, except as noted below: 18 hours/week providing patient care at an NHSC-approved site. View the NHSC LRP APG for the discipline specific half-time clinical practice requirements. No more than 4 hours/week may be spent in a teaching capacity or performing clinical-related administrative activities (limited to 2 hours/week). 	

*Half-time practice is not available to those serving under the Private Practice Option (PPO). Learn more in the NHSC LRP Application Program and Guidance on the [NHSC LRP web page](#).

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Eligible Disciplines	Physician (MD/DO) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Medicine • Obstetrics/Gynecology • General Internal Medicine • Geriatrics • General Pediatrics • General Psychiatry Physician Assistant (PA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult • Family • Pediatric • Women’s Health • Geriatrics 	Nurse Practitioner (NP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult • Family • Pediatric • Geriatrics • Women’s Health Certified Nurse Midwife Dentistry (DDS/DMD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Dentistry • Pediatric Dentistry Registered 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 • 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	The NHSC gives first priority funding to: <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 Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA), such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Applicants who have completed a HRSA-funded Primary Care Training and Enhancement (PCTE) Training: Primary Care Champions Program, the Addiction Medicine Fellowship, the HRSA-funded Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education Program (THCGME), the HRSA-funded Advanced Nursing Education-Nurse Practitioner Residency (ANE-NPR) Program and ANE-NPR Integration Program (ANE-NPRIP). – 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 – Hospital-affiliated primary care outpatient clinics – Private practices (Solo/Group) – State or federal correctional facilities – Community mental health facilities (CMHCs) – 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.

