

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM



Program Description	The National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program offers primary medical, dental, 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. 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. Read the program's Application and Program Guidance for the clinical practice requirements by discipline, full-time and half-time status, and more.</p> <p>With a continuation contract, clinicians can extend their service – and they 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), communities experiencing 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 NHSC funding priorities. Scores are available on each NHSC-approved site's profile in the Health Workforce Connector.</p> <p>Maternity care health professionals include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physicians (MD/DO) in obstetrics/gynecology • Family medicine physicians (MD/DO) who practice obstetrics on a regular basis • Certified nurse midwives 	



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Eligible Disciplines	<div> <div> Physician (MD/DO) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family medicine • Obstetrics/gynecology • General internal medicine • Geriatrics • General pediatrics • General psychiatry </div> <div> Physician Assistant (PA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult • Family • Pediatric • Women's health • Geriatrics </div> <div> Nurse Practitioner (NP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult • Family • Pediatric • Geriatrics • Women's health </div> <div> Certified Nurse Midwife </div> <div> Dentistry (DDS/DMD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General dentistry • Pediatric dentistry </div> <div> Registered Dental Hygienist </div> <div> 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 </div> </div>
Application Requirements	<p>Applicants must be a U.S. citizen (U.S.-born or naturalized) or a U.S. national.</p>
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. • Providers serving at sites with the highest HPSA or MCTA score. • Clinicians likely to remain practicing in a HPSA, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Applicants who have completed these HRSA-funded Health Workforce Programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Primary Care Training and Enhancement: Training Primary Care Champions Program › Addiction Medicine Fellowship › Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education Program › Advanced Nursing Education-Nurse Practitioner Residency Program › ANE-NPR Integration Program › Graduate Psychology Education 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Dental providers must be working in a dental HPSA. — Behavioral or mental health providers must be working in a mental 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 — 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 outpatient facilities — Critical access hospitals with an affiliated outpatient clinic — Community health centers — Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Health Service Corps — Mobile units or free clinics — School-based clinics — State and county health departments and health clinics
Website	<p>National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program</p>

The 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.