



Bureau of Health Workforce Scholarship Programs for Nurses

The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Scholarship Program and Nurse Corps Scholarship Program provide funding to nursing students and other future health care professionals committed to serving in communities of need. Nurse practitioner and certified nurse midwife students are eligible to apply to more than one program, but are only permitted to accept a scholarship from one.

This resource outlines the similarities and differences between the programs.

Note: *The NHSC Scholarship Program accepts applications from nursing and other health profession students. The eligibility requirements and funding preferences vary by program.*

	NHSC Scholarship Program	Nurse Corps Scholarship Program
Program Description and Website	<p>Minimum of two years of full-time service at an NHSC-approved site in a Health Professional Shortage Area of greatest need. The total number of years of service that scholars fulfill will depend on the number of years of scholarship support received.</p> <p>Visit the NHSC Scholarship Program web page for more information.</p>	<p>Minimum of two years of full-time service at an eligible health care facility with a critical shortage of nurses in a primary care or mental Health Professional Shortage Area. The total number of years of service that scholars fulfill will depend on the number of years of scholarship support received.</p> <p>Visit the Nurse Corps Scholarship Program web page for more information.</p>
Site Types eligible for both programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) (Community Health Centers, Migrant Health, Homeless Programs, Public Housing Programs, School-Based Programs, Mobile Clinics) • FQHC Look-Alikes • School-Based Clinics • State and County Department of Health Clinics • American Indian Health Facilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Indian Health Services Facilities, Tribally Operated 638 Health Programs, and Urban Indian Health Programs (ITUs) ○ Indian Health Services (IHS) American Indian/Alaskan Native Health Facilities ○ Tribal/638 Health Facilities ○ Dual-funded Clinics (Tribal Health and FQHC-funded) ○ Urban Indian Health Program ○ IHS Hospitals • Residential Nursing Homes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural Health Clinics • School-Based Clinics • Free and Charitable Clinics • Community Mental Health Centers 	

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Site Types eligible for specific programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMS Certified Rural Health Clinics • Hospital-affiliated Primary Care Outpatient Clinics • State or Federal Correctional Facilities (Not all prisons are eligible. To be eligible, a prison must meet certain criteria and qualify.) • Private Practices (Solo/Group) • Other Health Facilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Community Outpatient Facilities (Hospital-affiliated/non-hospital-affiliated) ○ Critical Access Hospitals ○ Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Health Service Corps ○ Mobile Units 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambulatory Surgical Centers • Disproportionate Share Hospitals (DSH) • Home Health Agencies • Hospice Programs • Public Hospitals • Private Hospitals • Small Rural Hospitals • Native Hawaiian Health Centers • Nurse Managed Health Clinic/Center • Urgent Care Centers • End-Stage Renal Disease Dialysis Centers
Financial Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuition and fees • An annual payment for other reasonable costs (i.e., books, clinical supplies and other specific, education-related expenses not covered under tuition and eligible fees) • 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 (i.e., books, clinical supplies, etc.) • A monthly stipend to cover living expenses • The full scholarship award is taxable.
Eligible Disciplines* and Funding Preferences	<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 (Adult, family, pediatric, geriatrics, women’s health) • Certified Nurse Midwife <p>If there are more qualified applicants than available funding, HRSA will prioritize current or former NHSC scholars who have completed their service obligation and have eligible student loans and applicants in each HPSA score, ranked by a disadvantaged background, then by characteristics that show that they’ll likely remain in a HPSA.</p>	<p>Applicant must be accepted or enrolled as a full student in an accredited degree program pursuing an Associate, Baccalaureate, Graduate, or Doctorate Degree in one of the following primary care disciplines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nurse Practitioner • Certified Nurse Midwife • Registered Nurse • Clinical Nurse Specialist • Registered Nurse Anesthetists <p>Applications are prioritized using holistic approach selection factors and a funding preference. Applicants with the greatest financial need as determined by the applicant’s expected family contribution on the official Student Aid Report, calculated by the Department of Education.</p>