

Making A Match: Exploring Site Types

While you are in training, think about the type of NHSC site where you would like to practice to fulfill your service commitment. Take some time to explore the range of NHSC site types that are available and determine which sites would be a good match for you!

Please visit the NHSC web site at NHSC.hrsa.gov for more information on approved site types.

NHSC SITE TYPE	DESCRIPTION	SERVICES PROVIDED
Correctional Facility	A state or Federal facility for incarcerated populations.	Primary care services.
Critical Access Hospital	A facility certified by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as a critical access hospital (CAH). These hospitals must comply with all applicable CAH conditions of participation and be located in a state, which has established a Medicare rural hospital flexibility program.	Primary care services.
Health Center Program Grantee and Federally Qualified Health Center Look-Alike	A community-based, patient-directed, non-profit entity that serves medically underserved populations. A Health Center Program grantee receives funding from HRSA through the Health Center Program (Section 330 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act). A Federally Qualified Health Center Look-Alike meets the definition of a "health center" under Section 330 of the PHS Act, but does not receive grant funding under Section 330. Health Center Program grantees include: Community Health Centers, Migrant Health Centers, Health Care for the Homeless programs, and Public Housing Primary Care programs.	Outpatient primary care, dental, mental health and substance abuse services.
Hospital Affiliated Primary Care Outpatient Clinic	An outpatient clinic affiliated with a hospital. This relationship allows the hospital to provide a continuum of care through referrals made directly to its affiliated primary care clinics.	Outpatient health services that provide diagnostic and therapeutic care.
Indian Health Service/ Tribal Clinic/ Urban Indian Health Clinic	A health care facility (whether operated directly by the Indian Health Service, a tribe, a tribal organization, a contractor or a grantee) that is physically separated from a hospital, and which provides outpatient clinical treatment services to persons of Indian or Alaskan Native descent.	Outpatient primary care services.
Private Practice	A partnership, family practice group, primary care group, or multi-specialty group.	Outpatient primary care services.
Rural Health Clinic	A facility certified by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as a rural health clinic. These clinics provide outpatient services to a non-urban area with an insufficient number of health care practitioners.	Outpatient primary care and basic laboratory services.
U.S. Department of Immigration and Customs Enforcement Clinical Sites	A clinical site administered by the U.S. Department of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to provide care for detained aliens under the custody of ICE	Primary care services.

