



FULL-TIME CLINICAL PRACTICE DEFINITIONS

Clinician works a minimum of 40 hours/week, for a minimum of 45 weeks/service year.

Eligible Disciplines and Specialties, except as noted below:

(For the list of eligible disciplines and specialties, please review the [Application and Program Guidance \(APG\)](#))

- ✓ At least **32** hours/week spent providing clinical, direct-patient services, or teaching in the NHSC-approved clinical practice site.
 - Teaching activities at the NHSC-approved site(s) shall not exceed 8 hours/week
 - Teaching activities in a HRSA-funded Teaching Health Center shall not exceed 20 hours/week.
- ✓ The remaining **8** hours/week must be spent:
 - Providing clinical services to patients
 - Providing clinical, direct-patient services at the NHSC-approved clinical practice site or affiliated, alternate setting, (e.g., hospitals, nursing homes, shelters), as directed by the NHSC-approved clinical practice site(s).
 - Teaching at the NHSC-approved clinical practice site, and/or performing practice-related administrative activities, shall not exceed **8** hours/week. (any combination)

OB/GYNs, Certified Nurse Midwives, Family Medicine Physicians who practice **obstetrics** on a regular basis, providers of geriatric services, and pediatric dentists:

- ✓ At least **21** hours/week spent providing clinical, direct-patient services, or teaching in the NHSC-approved clinical practice site.
 - Teaching activities at the approved site(s) shall not exceed **8** hours/week
 - Teaching activities in a HRSA-funded Teaching Health Center shall not exceed **20** hours/week.
- ✓ The remaining **19** hours/week must be spent:
 - Providing clinical services to patients
 - Providing clinical, direct-patient services at the NHSC-approved clinical practice site or affiliated, alternate setting, (e.g., hospitals, nursing homes, shelters), as directed by the NHSC-approved clinical practice site(s).
 - Teaching at the NHSC-approved clinical practice site, and/or performing practice-related administrative activities, shall not exceed **8** hours/week. (any combination)

Behavioral and Mental Health providers:

- ✓ At least **21** hours/week spent providing clinical, direct-patient services, or teaching in the NHSC-approved clinical practice site.
 - Teaching activities at the approved site(s) shall not exceed 8 hours/week
 - Teaching activities in a HRSA-funded Teaching Health Center shall not exceed 20 hours/week.
- ✓ The remaining **19** hours/week must be spent:
 - Providing clinical services to patients
 - Providing clinical, direct-patient services at the NHSC-approved clinical practice site or affiliated, alternate setting, (e.g., hospitals, nursing homes, shelters), as directed by the NHSC-approved clinical practice site(s).
 - Teaching at the NHSC-approved clinical practice site, and/or performing practice-related administrative activities, shall not exceed **8** hours/week. (any combination)

Providers at NHSC-approved inpatient **Critical Access Hospital**:

- ✓ At least **16** hours/week spent providing clinical, direct-patient services, or teaching in the CAH-affiliated outpatient setting.
- ✓ The remaining **24** hours/week must be spent:
 - Providing clinical services for patients
 - Teaching at the CAH or the CAH-affiliated outpatient setting (not to exceed 8 hours/week)
 - Providing clinical, direct-patient services at the CAH-affiliated skilled nursing facility or swing bed unit, or
 - Teaching at the CAH or the CAH-affiliated outpatient setting and/or performing practice-related administrative activities, shall not exceed 8 hours/week. (any combination)

Note: Teaching activities performed in a Teaching Health Center shall not exceed **20** hours/week.

For more information, please click [HRSA Teaching Health Centers](#)



HALF-TIME CLINICAL PRACTICE DEFINITIONS

*Clinician works between **20 and 39 hours/week**, for a minimum of 45 weeks/service year.*

Eligible Disciplines and Specialties, except as noted below: (For the list of eligible disciplines and specialties, please review the [Application and Program Guidance \(APG\)](#))

- ✓ At least **16 hours/week** spent providing clinical, direct-patient services, or teaching in the NHSC-approved clinical practice site.
 - Teaching activities at the NHSC-approved site(s) shall not exceed **4 hours/week**
 - Teaching activities in a HRSA-funded Teaching Health Center shall not exceed **10 hours/week**.
- ✓ The remaining **4 hours/week** must be spent:
 - Providing clinical services to patients
 - Providing clinical, direct-patient services at the NHSC-approved clinical practice site or affiliated, alternate setting, (e.g., hospitals, nursing homes, shelters), as directed by the NHSC-approved clinical practice site(s).
 - Teaching at the NHSC-approved clinical practice site, and/or performing practice-related administrative activities, shall not exceed **4 hours/week**. (any combination)

OB/GYNs, Certified Nurse Midwives, Family Medicine Physicians who practice obstetrics on a regular basis, providers of geriatric services, and pediatric dentists:

- ✓ At least **11 hours/week** spent providing clinical, direct-patient services, or teaching in the NHSC-approved clinical practice site.
 - Teaching activities at the approved site(s) shall not exceed **4 hours/week**
 - Teaching activities in a HRSA-funded Teaching Health Center shall not exceed **10 hours/week**.
- ✓ The remaining **9 hours/week** must be spent:
 - Providing clinical services to patients
 - Providing clinical, direct-patient services at the NHSC-approved clinical practice site or affiliated, alternate setting, (e.g., hospitals, nursing homes, shelters), as directed by the NHSC-approved clinical practice site(s).
 - Teaching at the NHSC-approved clinical practice site, and/or performing practice-related administrative activities, shall not exceed **4 hours/week**. (any combination)

Behavioral and Mental Health providers:

- ✓ At least **11 hours/week** spent providing clinical, direct-patient services, or teaching in the NHSC-approved clinical practice site.
 - Teaching activities at the approved site(s) shall not exceed **4 hours/week**
 - Teaching activities in a HRSA-funded Teaching Health Center shall not exceed **10 hours/week**.
- ✓ The remaining **9 hours/week** must be spent:
 - Providing clinical services to patients
 - Providing clinical, direct-patient services at the NHSC-approved clinical practice site or affiliated, alternate locations, (e.g., hospitals, nursing homes, shelters), as directed by the NHSC-approved clinical practice site(s).
 - Teaching at the NHSC-approved clinical practice site, and/or performing practice-related administrative activities, shall not exceed **4 hours/week**. (any combination)

Providers at NHSC-approved inpatient **Critical Access Hospital (CAH)**:

- ✓ At least **8 hours/week** spent providing clinical, direct-patient services, or teaching in the CAH-affiliated outpatient setting.
 - ✓ The remaining **12 hours/week** must be spent:
 - Providing clinical services for patients at the CAH or the CAH-affiliated outpatient setting (not to exceed 4 hours/week)
 - Providing clinical, direct-patient services at the CAH-affiliated skilled nursing facility or swing bed unit, or
 - Teaching at the CAH or the CAH-affiliated outpatient setting and/or performing practice-related administrative activities, shall not exceed a total of **4 hours/week** (any combination)
- Note:** Teaching activities performed in a Teaching Health Center shall not exceed **10 hours/week**.

For more information, please click [HRSA Teaching Health Centers](#)