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.
  o Teaching activities at the NHSC-approved site(s) shall not exceed 8 hours/week
  o Teaching activities in a HRSA-funded Teaching Health Center shall not exceed 20 hours/week.

✓ The remaining 8 hours/week must be spent:
  o Providing clinical services to patients
  o 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).
  o 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.
  o Teaching activities at the approved site(s) shall not exceed 8 hours/week
  o Teaching activities in a HRSA-funded Teaching Health Center shall not exceed 20 hours/week.

✓ The remaining 19 hours/week must be spent:
  o Providing clinical services to patients
  o 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).
  o 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.
  o Teaching activities at the approved site(s) shall not exceed 8 hours/week
  o Teaching activities in a HRSA-funded Teaching Health Center shall not exceed 20 hours/week.

✓ The remaining 19 hours/week must be spent:
  o Providing clinical services to patients
  o 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).
  o 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:
  o Providing clinical services for patients
  o Teaching at the CAH or the CAH-affiliated outpatient setting (not to exceed 8 hours/week)
  o Providing clinical, direct-patient services at the CAH-affiliated skilled nursing facility or swing bed unit, or
  o 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**.

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