Congratulations and Welcome!
Thank You for your dedication and commitment to the National Health Service Corps.
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THE CORPS: WHERE WE FIT IN
Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Office of the Administrator
Administrator
Deputy Administrator

Bureau of Primary Health Care
Maternal and Child Health Bureau
Bureau of Health Professions
Office of Rural Health Policy
Healthcare Systems Bureau
HIV/AIDS Bureau
Bureau of Clinician Recruitment and Service

Office of Communications
Office of Legislation
Office of Operations
Office of Federal Assistance Management
Office of Special Health Affairs
Office of Regional Operations
Office of Equal Opportunity, Civil Rights, & Diversity Management
Office of Planning Analysis and Evaluation
Office of Women's Health
Bureau of Clinician Recruitment and Service (BCRS) Mission

To improve the health of the Nation's underserved communities and vulnerable populations by coordinating the recruitment and retention of caring health professionals in the healthcare system and supporting communities' efforts to build more integrated and sustainable systems of care.
## BCRS Programs

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NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS
NHSC Mission

Build healthier communities by supporting qualified health care providers dedicated to working in areas of the U.S. with limited access to care.

- Improve the health of the Nation’s underserved
- Increase access to primary health care services
- Provide quality, culturally competent care to those most in need
- Develop community leaders
The Beginning of NHSC

• NHSC was created in response to health care crises that emerged in the U.S. in the 1950’s and 1960’s.

• More physicians retired, leaving many areas of the country without medical services.

• Rural states appealed to Congress for help, thus establishing what is now known as the National Health Service Corps.
Recent Expansion

- Significant Program Expansion (2009-2011)
  - $300 million in expansion funds for the NHSC from the Recovery Act of 2009
    - 4,100+ New Loan Repayment Awards
    - 250+ Scholarship Awards

- Affordable Care Act (ACA) authorizes and appropriates $1.5 billion for the NHSC through 2015.
  - FY2011: $290 million
  - FY2012: $295 million
  - FY2013: $300 million
  - FY2014: $305 million
  - FY2015: $310 million
ACA Authorizes Additional Changes to NHSC

• Increasing the maximum initial full-time loan repayment award from $50,000 to up to $60,000.

• Establishes permanent half-time service opportunities for NHSC scholars and loan repayors with the creation of 2 and 4 year contracts for the Loan Repayment Program.

• NHSC participants may now receive up to 20 percent service credit for teaching (and up to 50 percent in future Teaching Health Centers).
• NHSC family consist of nearly 10,000 clinicians currently serving

• More than 30,000 clinicians have served as Corps members

*Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Licensed Clinical Social Workers, Psychiatric Nurse Specialists, Marriage and Family Therapists, Licensed Professional Counselors
NHSC Field Strength

Growth of the National Health Service Corps

* Field strength includes primary medical, oral, and behavioral health care providers.
** FY 2011 includes funding from Recovery Act, Affordable Care Act, and Base Appropriations.
PROGRAM DETAIL
NHSC Programs

• Loan repayment program (LRP)
  – offers tax-free loan repayment for qualifying educational loans, in addition to a salary provided by site
  – FY2013 application cycle opens January 8, 2013 and will close March 21, 2013

• Scholarship program (SP)
  – pays tuition, required fees, and other education costs for as many as four years tax-free, stipends are taxable
  – 2013 application cycle will open March 5, 2013 and will close May 2, 2013
## Loan Repayment Program

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<td>• Up to $60,000 for two years of full time service; four year commitment for part time service</td>
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<td>• Up to $140,000 for completing a five year service commitment</td>
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Eligible Disciplines

- Primary Care Physicians
- Primary Care Nurse Practitioners
- Physician Assistants
- Certified Nurse Midwives
- Dentists
- Dental Hygienists
- Psychiatric Nurse Specialists
- Health Service Psychologists
- Licensed Clinical Social Workers
- Licensed Professional Counselors
- Marriage and Family Therapists
**NHSC Sites**

- Provide comprehensive primary care medicine, primary care dentistry and/or primary care mental and behavioral health services
- Ensure access to ancillary, inpatient and specialty referrals
- To qualify sites must:
  - Be located in a HPSA (Health Professional Shortage Area)
  - Provide services on a discounted fee schedule
  - Accept patients covered by Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance Program
  - Document sound fiscal management
  - Have the capacity to maintain a competitive salary, benefits, and malpractice coverage package for clinicians
Types of NHSC Sites

- Federally-qualified health center & look-alike
- Certified rural health clinic
- Indian Health Service site (Federal or Tribal)
- Solo and group partnership or practice
- Public health department
- Hospital-affiliated primary care practice
- State or Federal prison
- U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement site
- Ryan White HIV/AIDS Clinic
MODERNIZATION OF THE CORPS
• Re-launched from .org to .gov September 1
• In FY12, PrimaryCareforAll.hrsa.gov hosted:
  ▪ 38 webinars (18 live; 20 on demand)
    ▪ 290 participants took part in live webinars
    ▪ 353 CE’s were awarded for participation in live and on-demand webinars
  ▪ Topics included: primary care for patients with HIV, treatment of chronic pain, care coordination, and integrative medicine in women’s health
  ▪ 27 coffee shop discussions
Leveraging existing technology to give NHSC sites cost-effective opportunity to promote job openings to primary care medical providers interested in serving communities with limited access to care.

In 2013, planning additional VJFs to replace the recruitment fair at the Scholar Placement Conference.
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