National Health Service Corps
Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Program

Program Description
The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Program (SUD Workforce LRP) expands access to evidence-based substance use disorder treatment in underserved, high-need communities across the country. The program offers health care clinicians the opportunity to have their qualifying student loans repaid in exchange for serving at an NHSC-approved SUD site.

Award Amounts

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<td>3 years Full-Time</td>
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Service Commitments
Full-Time Option:
3 years of full-time service (minimum 40 hours/week, 45 weeks/year).

Half-Time Option:
3 years of half-time service (minimum 20 hours/week, 45 weeks/year)*.

Eligible Disciplines
- Physicians
- Nurse practitioners
- Certified nurse midwives
- Physician assistants
- Behavioral health professionals
- Substance use disorder counselors
- Registered nurses
- Pharmacists

Application Requirements and Priority Information
Applicants must be a U.S. citizen (U.S. born or naturalized) or U.S. national

Clinicians receive priority if they:
- Have a DATA 2000 waiver to provide medication-assisted treatment;
- Serve in an opioid treatment program; or
- Are licensed or certified in substance use disorder interventions, such as master’s-level substance use disorder counselors.

* Half-time practice is not available to those serving under the Private Practice Option (PPO). Learn more in the SUD Workforce LRP Application Program and Guidance at nhsc.hrsa.gov/sud-lrp.
### Where Members Serve

- NHSC SUD Workforce LRP applicants must work at an NHSC-approved SUD site located in a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA).

- An NHSC-approved SUD site must meet the requirements in the [NHSC Site Agreement](#) and [NHSC Site Reference Guide](#).

- **Eligible sites can include:**
  - SAMHSA-certified outpatient treatment programs (OTPs)
  - Office-based opioid treatment facilities (OBOTs)
  - Non-opioid substance use disorder treatment facilities (SUD treatment facilities)
  - Federally Qualified Health Care Centers (FQHCs)
  - Rural Health Clinics (RHCs)
  - American Indian Health facilities and Indian Health Service (IHS) hospitals
  - FQHC Look-Alikes
  - State or federal correctional facilities
  - Critical Access Hospitals
  - Community health centers
  - State or local health departments
  - Community outpatient facilities
  - Private practices
  - School-based clinics
  - Mobile units and free clinics

- **Clinicians qualify for the NHSC SUD Workforce LRP:**
  - If they work at a SUD site with a HPSA score that would ordinarily be too low to qualify for NHSC funding.
  - Using either the mental health or primary care HPSA score of their NHSC-approved SUD site.

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*NHSC’s mission is to build healthy communities by supporting qualified medical, dental, mental and behavioral health care providers working in areas of the United States with limited access to care.*