



National Health Service Corps Rural Community Loan Repayment Program



Program Description	<p>The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Rural Community Loan Repayment Program (LRP) supports clinicians working to combat the opioid epidemic in the nation’s rural communities. The NHSC Rural Community LRP makes loan repayment awards in coordination with the Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP) within the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP) to provide evidence-based substance use treatment, assist in recovery, and to prevent overdose deaths in rural communities across the nation.</p>	
Award Amounts	Service Commitment	Award
	3 years Full-Time	Up to \$100,000
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physicians • Nurse practitioners • Certified nurse-midwives • Physician assistants • Behavioral health professionals • Substance use disorder counselors • Registered nurses • Pharmacists • Certified registered nurse anesthetists 	
Application Requirements and Priority Information	<p>Applicants must be U.S. citizens (U.S. born or naturalized) or U.S. nationals</p> <p>Clinicians receive award preference if they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are an NHSC Scholar who will complete their current service obligation by July 31; • Work at a rural, NHSC-approved SUD treatment facility that has received RCORP funding; • Are licensed or certified in substance use disorder interventions, such as master’s-level substance use disorder counselors; or • Have a DATA 2000 waiver. 	

* Half-time practice is not available to those serving under the Private Practice Option (PPO). Learn more in the Rural Community LRP Application Program and Guidance at nhsc.hrsa.gov/rural-lrp.



<p>Where Members Serve</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHSC Rural Community LRP applicants must work at a rural NHSC-approved SUD treatment facility located in a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA). • A rural NHSC-approved SUD treatment facility must meet the requirements in the NHSC Site Agreement and NHSC Site Reference Guide. • Eligible sites can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 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 Rural Community LRP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ If they work at a rural, NHSC-approved SUD treatment facility 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 treatment facility.
<p>Tax Liability</p>	<p>Not taxable</p>
<p>Website</p>	<p>nhsc.hrsa.gov/rural-lrp</p>

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.

