THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS (NHSC) builds healthy communities by supporting qualified health care providers dedicated to working in areas of the United States with limited access to care.

The NHSC is part of HRSA’s Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW).

BHW improves the health of underserved populations by strengthening the health workforce and connecting skilled professionals to communities in need.

27% of BHW funding supports the NHSC and other programs that improve the distribution of health professionals to underserved areas.
### NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS: THEN

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NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS: NOW*

*As of September 30, 2015

- **Physicians**: 24%
- **Nurse Practitioners**: 19%
- **Dentists**: 12%
- **Physician Assistants**: 11%
- **Mental Health Providers**: 30%
- **Dental Hygienists**: 2%
- **Nurses Mid-wives**: 2%
IMPACT OF THE NHSC

MORE THAN 9,600 NHSC members are currently providing care to more than 10 MILLION people in the United States.

87% of NHSC members continue to serve in areas of greatest need after completing their service obligation.
LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM
UP TO $50,000 FOR 2 YEARS SERVICE

Offers fully trained primary care clinicians loan repayment in exchange for service in an area of greatest need, called a Health Profession Shortage Area (HPSA).

Applicants working at NHSC-approved sites with higher HPSA scores are given priority.

With continued service, providers may be able to pay off all their student loans.
PROVIDERS RECEIVE LOAN REPAYMENT IN ADDITION TO A COMPETITIVE SALARY FROM THEIR EMPLOYERS

1

Providers find a job at an NHSC-approved site

THEN

2

Apply to the NHSC for loan repayment

Watch the NHSC Site Video on the "HRSATube" YouTube channel.

Find positions at NHSC-approved sites using the NHSC Jobs Center: http://nhscjobs.hrsa.gov
The NHSC Loan Repayment Program offers priority funding to applicants who work at NHSC-approved sites in high-need areas, as defined by a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) score.

**INITIAL AWARD AMOUNTS**

- **UP TO $50,000 FOR 2 YEARS**
  - Full-time
- **UP TO $25,000 FOR 2 YEARS**
  - Half-time

In FY15, awards were given to applicants working at sites with HPSA scores of 14 and above.
ELIGIBILITY

U.S. citizen or national

Currently work, or applying to work, at an NHSC-approved site

Have unpaid government or commercial loans for school tuition, reasonable educational expenses, and reasonable living expenses, segregated from all other debts

Licensed to practice in state where employer site is located

Must be licensed in one of the following eligible disciplines:

- Physician (MD or DO)
- Nurse practitioner (primary care)
- Certified nurse-midwife
- Physician assistant
- Dentist (general or pediatric)
- Dental hygienist
- Psychiatrist
- Psychologist (health service)
- Licensed clinical social worker
- Psychiatric nurse specialist
- Marriage and family therapist
- Licensed professional counselor
“I’m working, I’m getting my salary, I’m getting loan repayment, and I’m doing what I love.”
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
STUDENTS PURSUING CAREERS IN PRIMARY CARE CAN RECEIVE A SCHOLARSHIP NOW AND SERVE LATER

THE SCHOLARSHIP* INCLUDES:

- Payment of tuition and required fees (tax-free)
- Some other tax-free educational costs (books, etc.)
- A monthly living stipend (taxable)

*Available for up to 4 years
YEARS OF SUPPORT = YEARS OF SERVICE

Scholars commit to serve at an NHSC-approved site in a high-need area upon completion of their training: at least two years of service.
The NHSC helps Scholars find a practice site that’s right for them. When in service, Scholars earn a competitive salary paid by their site.
ELIGIBILITY

U.S. citizen or national

Full-time student at an accredited school, pursuing a degree in:

- Medicine (DO or MD)
- Dentistry (DMD or DDS)
- Nurse practitioner
- Certified nurse-midwife
- Physician assistant (primary care)
“To have someone say we believe that you can be a doctor, and support your endeavors in becoming a physician is just unfathomable.”
STUDENTS TO SERVICE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM – NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS THROUGH OCTOBER 20TH AT 7:30 PM.
STUDENTS TO SERVICE AWARD

The NHSC offers **up to $120,000** in tax-free loan repayment for 3 years of full-time service or 6 years of half-time service. Loan repayment begins during residency.

With continued service, eligible providers may be able to pay off all their student loans.
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“I want to be a health coach who guides my patients through any challenges that they may have.”
STATE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

37 STATES ARE GRANTEES

Provides cost-sharing grants to states to operate their own loan repayment programs for primary care providers in underserved areas.

Eligible disciplines vary but may include physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, dental professionals, registered nurses, mental health professionals, and pharmacists.
SUPPORT FOR PROVIDERS

SUPPORT FOR YOU IN YOUR REGION

Dedicated BHW staff located in 10 regional offices provide dedicated contacts for your area.

SUPPORT FOR YOU AT YOUR SITE

NHSC Ambassadors help educate and inform current and prospective members.
RESOURCES FOR PROVIDERS

NHSC JOBS CENTER
http://www.nhscjobs.hrsa.gov

- View job vacancies at thousands of NHSC-approved sites nationwide.
- Google Maps technology allows users to view the surrounding community (e.g., schools, restaurants, parks, places of worship, shops)
- Narrow your job search by:
  - Field of Practice
  - Specialty
  - HPSA Score
  - Site Name
  - Zip Code
  - Sites with Open Positions
FUTURE NHSC EFFORTS

BETWEEN
FY 2017 AND
FY 2020

NHSC will receive $2.8 billion in investments to address health professional shortages in underserved areas across the country.

In FY 2017, NHSC will receive $380 million in funding to expand access to mental health care and training to address drug abuse.
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