



# Bureau of Health Workforce Loan Repayment Programs for Nurses

The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Loan Repayment Programs and Nurse Corps Loan Repayment Program provide funding to nurses and other future health care professionals committed to serving in communities of need. Nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, and registered nurses are eligible to apply to more than one program, but are only permitted to accept loan repayment from one.

This resource outlines the similarities and differences between the programs. Note, *Both scholarship programs accept applications from nursing students. The NHSC Scholarship Program also accepts applications from other health profession students. The eligibility requirements and funding preferences vary by program.*

	NHSC Scholarship Program	Nurse Corps Scholarship Program
<b>Program Description and Website</b>	<p>Minimum of two years of full-time service at an NHSC-approved site in a <a href="#">Health Professional Shortage Area</a> of greatest need. The total number of years of service that scholars fulfill will depend on the number of years of scholarship support received.</p> <p><a href="https://nhsc.hrsa.gov/scholarships/overview.html">https://nhsc.hrsa.gov/scholarships/overview.html</a></p>	<p>Minimum two-year service commitment (or part-time equivalent) at an eligible health care facility with a critical shortage of nurses in a primary care or mental health federally designated <a href="#">Health Professional Shortage Area</a>.</p> <p>The total number of years of service that scholars fulfill will depend on the number of years of scholarship support received.</p> <p><a href="https://bhw.hrsa.gov/funding/apply-loan-repayment/nurse-corps">https://bhw.hrsa.gov/funding/apply-loan-repayment/nurse-corps</a></p>
<b>Site Types eligible for both programs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) (Community Health Center, Migrant Health, Homeless Program, Public Housing Program, School-Based Program, Mobile Clinic)</li> <li>• FQHC Look-Alike</li> <li>• School-Based Clinics</li> <li>• State and County Department of Health Clinic</li> <li>• American Indian Health Facilities:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Indian Health Services Facilities, Tribally Operated 638 Health Programs, and Urban Indian Health Programs (ITUs)</li> <li>○ Indian Health Services (IHS) American Indian/Alaskan Native Health Facilities</li> <li>○ Tribal/638 Health facility</li> <li>○ Dual-funded (tribal health clinic and FQHC-funded)</li> <li>○ Urban Indian Health Program</li> <li>○ IHS Hospitals</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Residential Nursing Home</li> <li>• Rural Health Clinic</li> <li>• School-Based Clinic</li> <li>• Free and Charitable Clinic</li> <li>• Community Mental health Center</li> </ul>	

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<b>Financial Benefits</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuition and fees</li> <li>• An annual payment for education-related costs</li> <li>• A monthly stipend to cover living expenses (Monthly stipend is taxable)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuition and fees</li> <li>• An annual payment for other reasonable costs (i.e., books, clinical supplies, etc.)</li> <li>• A monthly stipend to cover living expenses</li> <li>• The full scholarship award is taxable</li> </ul>
<b>Eligible Disciplines* and Funding Preferences</b>	<p>Applicant must be accepted or enrolled as a full-time student in a degree program at a U.S.-accredited school in one of the following primary care disciplines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nurse practitioner (Adult, family, pediatric, geriatrics, women’s health)</li> <li>• Certified nurse-midwife</li> </ul> <p>If there are more qualified applicants than available funding, HRSA will prioritize current or former NHSC scholars who have completed their service obligation and have eligible student loans and applicants in each HPSA score, ranked by a disadvantaged background, then by characteristics that show that they’ll likely remain in a HPSA.</p>	<p>Applicant must be accepted or enrolled as a full or part-time student in an accredited degree program pursuing an Associate, Baccalaureate, Graduate, or Doctorate Degree in one of the following primary care disciplines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nurse Practitioner</li> <li>• Certified Nurse Midwife</li> <li>• Registered Nurse</li> <li>• Clinical Nurse Specialist</li> <li>• Registered Nurse Anesthetists</li> </ul> <p>Applications are prioritized using holistic approach selection factors and a funding preference. Applicants with the greatest financial need as determined by the applicant’s expected family contribution on the official Student Aid Report, calculated by the Dept. of Ed.</p>