

NURSE CORPS LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

HEALTH RESOURCES SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (HRSA) BUREAU OF HEALTH WORKFORCE

NURSE Corps Loan Repayment Program (LRP)

The NURSE Corps LRP is a competitive federal program that assists in the recruitment and retention of licensed registered nurses and nurse faculty members to serve at eligible nonprofit hospitals, clinics, nursing schools, and other facilities located in designated mental health or primary medical care Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA).

Student Loan Repayment

In exchange for a two-year commitment to serve at an eligible site, NURSE Corps LRP will provide funds to participants to repay a portion of their outstanding qualifying educational loans.

a. **60 Percent of Total Qualifying Nursing Educational Loan Balance** - For an initial two-year service commitment, the NURSE Corps LRP will pay participants a total of 60 percent (30 percent for each year) of their total outstanding qualifying educational loan balance, as of the effective date of their initial two-year contract.

b. **Additional 25 Percent of Total Qualifying Nursing Educational Loan Balance** - For an optional, third year of service, the NURSE Corps LRP will pay participants an additional 25 percent of their original total qualifying educational loan balance, as of the effective date of their initial two-year contract. The additional payment is subject to the availability of funds.

In FY 2015, 95% of NURSE Corps LRP awards were made to RNs and APRNs working in Health Professional Shortage Areas with scores of 14 or higher.

Finding a Critical Shortage Area Facility Site

NURSE Corps LRP participants must fulfill their service obligation at an eligible Critical Shortage Facility site in designated primary or mental health care HPSA. HPSAs are determined by a scoring system using data including patient to provider ratio, average distance to a primary care provider, low birth weight, and other socioeconomic determinants of health. HPSA scores range from 0 to 25 for primary care and mental health. You can verify if a site is located in, or designated as a HPSA using the following site: <http://hpsafind.hrsa.gov/>.

Eligible Critical Shortage Area Facilities include:

Critical Access Hospital	Indian Health Service Health Center	State/Local Public Health or Human Services Department
Disproportionate Share Hospital	Rural Health Clinic	Ambulatory Surgical Center
Public and Private Hospital	Skilled Nursing Facility	Residential Nursing Home
Federally Qualified Health Center	Home Health Agency	Hospice Program and End Stage Renal Disease Dialysis
Nurse Managed Health Clinic/Center	Urgent Care Center	Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic

Applications are open only once per year. The application period begins January 13, 2016 and closes February 25, 2016. Complete information including changes for each year can be found in the yearly Application and Program Guidance on the scholarship webpage:

<https://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/repayment/nursing/index.html>