National Health Service Corps Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Program

Program Description	The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Workforce Loan Repayment Program (LRP) expands access to evidence-based substance use disorder treatment in underserved, high-need communities across the country. The SUD Workforce LRP offers health care clinicians the opportunity to have their qualifying student loans repaid in exchange for serving at an NHSC-approved SUD treatment facility.	
Award Amounts and Service Commitments	**Service Commitment**	**Award Amount**
	Three years of full-time service (minimum 40 hours/week, 45 weeks/year)	Up to $75,000
	Three years of half-time service (minimum 20 hours/week, 45 weeks/year)*	Up to $37,500
Tax Liability	Not taxable	
Eligible Disciplines	• Physicians • Nurse Practitioners • Certified Nurse Midwives • Physician Assistants • Behavioral Health Professionals • Substance Use Disorder Counselors • Registered Nurses • Pharmacists	
Application Requirements	Applicants must be a U.S. citizen (U.S. born or naturalized) or a U.S. national.	

* Half-time practice is not available to those serving under the Private Practice Option (PPO). Learn more in the NHSC SUD Workforce LRP Application Program and Guidance on the NHSC SUD Workforce LRP web page.

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Funding Priorities	**The NHSC gives first priority funding to:** • Current or former NHSC scholars who have completed their service obligation and have eligible student loans. • Applicants in each Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) score, ranked by a disadvantaged background, then by characteristics that show that they'll likely remain in a HPSA – such as completing a Primary Care Training and Enhancement (PCTE) Fellowship. **The NHSC uses the funding priority factors above to rank applicants in three tiers.** **Tier 1 NHSC SUD Workforce applicants include:** • All SUD professionals with SUD Licensure/Certification or DATA 2000 Waivers; and • Working at a SAMHSA-certified opioid treatment program or office-based opioid treatment facility. Learn more about funding priorities on the NHSC SUD Workforce LRP web page.
Where Members Serve	• NHSC SUD Workforce LRP applicants must work at an NHSC-approved SUD treatment facility located in a HPSA. • An NHSC-approved SUD treatment facility must meet the requirements in the NHSC Site Agreement and NHSC Site Reference Guide. • **Eligible NHSC-approved SUD treatment facilities 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) – Indian Health Service, Tribal, and Urban Indian Health Clinics (ITUs); and some Indian Health Services (IHS) Hospitals – FQHC Look-Alikes – State or federal correctional facilities – Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) – Community Health Centers (CHCs) – State or local health departments or health clinics – Community outpatient facilities – Private practices (Solo/Group) – School-based clinics – Mobile units and free clinics • **Clinicians may qualify:** – Even if they work at a 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.
Web Site	NHSC SUD Workforce LRP

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