

# National Health Service Corps

The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) is committed to improving the health of the medically underserved in the United States. As part of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the NHSC provides comprehensive team-based health care while eliminating geographic, financial, cultural, and language barriers. The goal is to provide access to primary health care for more than 50 million Americans who might otherwise do without.

The NHSC recruits health professionals to deliver health care in underserved communities. Health professional shortage areas are found throughout the United States in both rural and urban settings. The NHSC seeks U.S. citizens who want to serve others in need and in return provides scholarships or loan repayment for professional school.

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### ***NHSC Scholarships:***

The scholarship program offers payment of tuition and fees, monthly stipends, and payment of other expenses for 4 years of education. This is available to U.S. citizens admitted to fully accredited programs of:

- Allopathic or osteopathic medicine
- Family nurse practitioner programs
- Nurse midwifery programs
- Physician assistant programs
- Dental school

You must then complete a residency program in one of the following specialties: family medicine, general pediatrics, general internal medicine, obstetrics/gynecology, psychiatry, general dentistry or pediatric dentistry. The period of service is 1 year for each year of support you received with a 2 year minimum commitment.

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### ***NHSC Loan Repayment:***

Fully trained health professionals may qualify for educational loan repayment. Maximum repayment during the required initial 2 year contract is \$25,000 each year. Besides the professions and specialties listed above, the Loan Repayment program supports dental hygienists and mental and behavioral health professionals (health service psychologists, clinical social workers, licensed professional counselors, marriage and family therapists, and psychiatric nurse specialists).

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