



# A Guide to Loan Repayment and Scholarship Programs for Community Health Centers

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A resource guide to provide community health centers with access to information on the various loan repayment and scholarship programs offered at the federal, state and local level.

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## Introduction

This resource guide was developed by the [Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County](#) to provide member and affiliate clinics with access to information on the various loan repayment and scholarship programs offered at the federal, state and local level. We recognize that the salary disparity among individuals working at community health centers can often be a barrier to recruitment and retention of qualified staff. Loan forgiveness and scholarship programs are one way of offsetting income loss. These programs can be a powerful recruiting tool. In addition, these programs can also serve to enhance the incumbent workforce as employees continue their education and career advancement.

*Please note that the details of each program are subject to change without notice. Clinics interested in utilizing any of the programs contained in this document should verify the information through the website links provided.*

## Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs)

Many of the programs in this resource use Health Professional Shortage Area scores as a method of determining participant eligibility. HSPA designations are based on general HPSA designation criteria, plus additional criteria and guidelines specific to each of the three types of designations: Primary Care, Dental, and Mental Health. All Federally Qualified Health Centers and those Rural Health Clinics that provide access to care regardless of ability to pay receive automatic facility HPSA designation.

<b>Designation Details:</b> <a href="http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/shortage/hpsas/designationcriteria/designationcriteria.html">http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/shortage/hpsas/designationcriteria/designationcriteria.html</a>
<b>Primary Care Details:</b> <a href="http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/shortage/hpsas/designationcriteria/primarycarehpsaoverview.html">http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/shortage/hpsas/designationcriteria/primarycarehpsaoverview.html</a>
<b>Dental Details:</b> <a href="http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/shortage/hpsas/designationcriteria/dentalhpsaoverview.html">http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/shortage/hpsas/designationcriteria/dentalhpsaoverview.html</a>
<b>Mental Health Details:</b> <a href="http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/shortage/hpsas/designationcriteria/mentalhealthhpsaoverview.html">http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/shortage/hpsas/designationcriteria/mentalhealthhpsaoverview.html</a>

## Medically Underserved Areas/Populations Designation (MUA and MUP)

Many of the programs in this resource use Medically Underserved Areas/Populations Designation scores as a method of determining participant eligibility. Recipients of Community Health Center (CHC) grant funds are legislatively required to serve areas or populations designated by the Secretary of Health and Human Services as medically underserved. Grants for the planning, development, or operation of community health centers under section 330 of the Public Health Service Act are available only to centers which serve designated MUAs or MUPs.

<b>Designation Details:</b> <a href="http://www.hrsa.gov/shortage/mua/">http://www.hrsa.gov/shortage/mua/</a>
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## National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Loan Repayment Program

This program provides loan repayment opportunities for licensed primary care providers who have signed an employment contract with a NHSC-approved site to reduce or eliminate their health professions student debt. The award will be paid in ONE lump sum approximately 9-days after the beginning of the service obligation period. See page 5 for detailed information on becoming an approved NHSC site.

**Granting Organization:** Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

**Website:** [www.nhsc.hrsa.gov](http://www.nhsc.hrsa.gov)

### Eligible Disciplines:

Physician (MD or DO)	Psychiatrist
Physician Assistant	Psychologist (health service)
Nurse Practitioner	Licensed Social Worker (LSCW)
Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM)	Psychiatric Nurse Specialist
Dentist	Marriage/ Family Therapist (MFT)
Dental Hygienist	Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)

### Budget/Funding Available to Eligible Providers:

	2 Years Full Time	2 Years Half Time
Sites with HPSA Scores of 14+	Up to \$50,000	Up to \$25,000
Sites with HPSA Score of 0-13	Up to \$30,000	Up to \$15,000

Participants may choose to apply for additional funds on a yearly basis once the initial 2 year commitment is fulfilled.

**Application and Site Eligibility:** See page 5 for full details

**Site Match:** None

**Specific Guidance and Details:** <http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loanrepayment/index.html>

## National Health Service Corps (NHSC): Student to Service Loan Repayment Opportunities for Current Medical Students

This program provides scholarships for training of health professionals, including primary care providers, who agree to work in National Health Service Corps approved sites. As a rule, there is one year of obligated service for every year of training support. The NHSC pays tuition, required fees, and some other educational costs, tax free, for as long as four years and requires a minimum two-year commitment. Recipients also receive a monthly living stipend which is taxable. Upon completion of their educational training and completion of residency training they are expected to begin work at an approved NHSC practice site.

**Granting Organization:** Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

**Website:** <http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/scholarship/>

### Eligible Disciplines:

Physician (MD or DO)

Physician Assistant

Nurse Practitioner

Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM)

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

Dentist

**Budget/Funding Available to Eligible Providers:** Funding for a maximum of 4 years that covers: tuition, required fees, reasonable educational costs, monthly support stipend

**Site Application and Eligibility:** See page 5 for full details

**Site Match:** None

**Specific Guidance and Details:** <http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/scholarships/scholarshipataglance.pdf>

## National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Site Application Details

Individuals receiving scholarship or loan repayment funds must practice at an NHSC approved site. Sites must apply to be designated as an NHSC approved site. Designated sites must submit a site recertification application every three years.

### Facility Eligibility:

- Located in a [Health Professional Shortage Area \(HPSA\)](#)
- Provides primary care medical, dental, or mental and behavioral health services
- Provides services regardless of a patient's ability to pay
- Offers discounted fees to patients who qualify
- Accepts patients covered by Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

### Multiple Clinic Locations

If an organization has multiple sites located in HPSAs and would like all sites to be NHSC-approved sites, each location is required to submit a separate NHSC Site Application and be approved individually.

### Site Application Cycle

New sites – spring

Existing site recertification – fall

### Additional benefits to becoming a NHSC-approved site

- a. Clinicians who work at NHSC-approved sites are eligible to apply to the NHSC Loan Repayment Program.
- b. NHSC Scholars who have completed their training must work at an NHSC-approved site.
- c. NHSC-approved sites are able to recruit clinicians through the [NHSC Jobs Center](#), which enables providers to search and review a comprehensive list of NHSC-qualifying job openings across the nation. It also serves as a resource for NHSC applicants and members. Each NHSC-approved site creates a [site profile](#) in the NHSC Jobs Center that showcases important information about the site for providers seeking employment.
- d. NHSC clinicians are eligible to apply for additional financial support in return for additional service, supporting the retention of NHSC members at NHSC-approved sites.
- e. NHSC sites are encouraged to participate in [Virtual Job Fairs](#), on-line versions of traditional job fairs, to connect with qualified job seekers.

**Eligibility and Site Reference Guide:** <http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/downloads/sitereference.pdf>

## State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)

The SLRP increases and retains the number of primary care physicians, dentists, dental hygienists, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, pharmacists and mental and behavioral health providers practicing in federally designated California Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) and on the approved SLRP Certified Eligible Site List. The award is disbursed in three payments through the two years.

**Granting Organization:** Office of Statewide Health and Planning Development (OSHDP)

**Website:** <http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HWDD/SLRP.html>

### Eligible Disciplines:

Nurse Midwife	LCSW	Physician Assistant
Family Physician	MFT	Nurse Practitioner
Internist	LPC	Dental Hygienist
Pediatrics	MH Counselor	Gerontology
General Dentist	Clinical Psychology	OB/GYN
Psychiatry	Pharmacy	Psychiatric Nurse

### Budget/Funding Available to Eligible Providers:

2 Years Full Time	2 Years Half Time
<i>Up to \$60,000</i>	<i>Up to \$30,000</i>
<i>SLRP can extended service commitment up to 5 years for up to an additional \$110,000</i>	

**Site Application and Eligibility:** A site application is required and accepted year round. Sites must be located in a federally designated health professional shortage area (HPSA), be a public or private not-for-profit/outpatient facility, be willing to match the SLRP repayment award, on a dollar-for-dollar basis, in addition to salary, pay prevailing wages, enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with OSHPD and be on the approved SLRP Certified Eligible Site (CES) list

**Site Match:** Requires the provider's site to match the SLRP award, on a dollar-for-dollar basis, with non-federal contributions (directly or through donations from public or private entities), in addition to salary, and must be on the approved SLRP Certified Eligible Site list for three-years.

<p><b>Eligibility and Site Reference Guide:</b> <a href="http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HWDD/2014/SLRP/CalREACH-CES-Application-Instructions.pdf">http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HWDD/2014/SLRP/CalREACH-CES-Application-Instructions.pdf</a></p>
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## Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan Repayment

The Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan Repayment Program encourages recently licensed physicians to practice in Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) in California. The program authorizes a plan for repaying up to \$105,000 in educational loans in exchange for full-time service for a minimum of three (3) years at 40 hours per week.

**Granting Organization:** Office of Statewide Health and Planning Development (OSHPD)

**Website:** <http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/hpef/stlrp.html>

### **Eligible Disciplines:**

- Allopathic or Osteopathic physicians practicing direct patient care in CA
- Free of any contractual service obligations (ie: National Health Service Corps)
- Have outstanding educational debt from a government or commercial lending institution
- Have a valid, unrestricted license to practice medicine in CA
- Be currently employed or have accepted employment in a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) in CA

### **Budget/Funding Available to Eligible Providers:**

\$105,000 Maximum Award Amount  
3 Year Service Obligation/ Requirement

**Site Application and Eligibility:** No site application required, site must be designated a HPSA in California for applicants to be eligible.

**Site Match:** None

<b>Frequently Asked Questions:</b> <a href="http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/hpef/Text_pdf_files/FAQs/General-Program-FAQs.pdf">http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/hpef/Text_pdf_files/FAQs/General-Program-FAQs.pdf</a>
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## Medical Education Debt (MED) Relief Program

The MED Relief Program through Uncommon Good was created to help idealistic young doctors, dentists, optometrists, and pharmacists who want to devote their careers to serving the poor. The program provides educational loan repayment assistance grants to make it possible for newly graduated health professionals to accept jobs in the community clinics in Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties and still be able to repay their educational loans.

**Granting Organization:** Uncommon Good

**Website:** [http://uncommongood.org/?page\\_id=156](http://uncommongood.org/?page_id=156)

### Eligible Disciplines:

Physician

Dentist

Optometrist

Pharmacist

**Budget/Funding Available to Eligible Providers:** Funding awards vary depending on amount of loans each applicant has.

**Site Application and Eligibility:** No site application required. Site must be a community health center located in Los Angeles and/or San Bernardino County.

**Site Match:** None

**Specific LA County Requirements and Details:** [http://uncommongood.org/?page\\_id=650](http://uncommongood.org/?page_id=650)

## J-1 Visa Waivers for Physicians

Federal law requires that foreign physicians seeking to pursue graduate education or training in the United States must obtain a J-1 Exchange Visitor Visa. Upon completion of their studies, the physicians must return to their home country for at least two years before they can return to the U.S. Physicians who are subject to the two year home country residence requirement may apply for a waiver of that requirement with a recommendation from an interested state health department. California's J-1 Visa Waiver Program gives priority to applications from primary care physicians who will work in federally designated underserved areas.

**Website:** <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/rural/Pages/J-1VisaWaiver.aspx>

### Eligible Disciplines

Family Medicine	General Pediatrics	General Psychiatry
General Obstetrics/Gynecology	General Internal Medicine	Cardiologist
Gerontologist	Pediatric Subspecialist	

**Budget/Funding Available to Eligible Providers:** Does not provide funding, rather it allows community health centers to utilize J-1 Visa professionals who are paid a salary through the health center.

**Site Application and Eligibility:** A separate site application is not required; however the site must provide extensive information as part of the applicant application. The site must be a facility that is located in the geographic area or areas that are designated by the Secretary of Health and Human Services as a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA), Medically Underserved Area (MUA), Medically Underserved Population (MUP) or a Mental Health Professional Shortage Area (MHPSA).

**Site Match:** None

**Waiver Package Checklist:** <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/rural/Pages/WaiverPackageChecklist.aspx>

## Mental Health Loan Assumption Program (MHLAP)

An award recipient may receive up to \$10,000 to repay educational loans in exchange for a 12-month service obligation in a hard-to-fill or retain position within the County Public Mental Health System (PMHS).

**Granting Organization:** Office of Statewide Health and Planning Development (OSHPD)

**Website:** <http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HPEF/MHLAP.html>

### Eligible Disciplines:

Licensed Psychologist	Licensed Clinical Social Worker	Licensed professional clinical counselor
MFT Intern	Licensed MFT	MFT
Licensed psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner	Registered Nurse	Licensed psychiatrist

### Budget/Funding Available to Eligible Providers:

\$105,000 Maximum Award Amount  
3 Year Service Obligation/ Requirement

**Site Application and Eligibility:** No site application required, site must be either directly operated by LAC-DMH or a legal entity contractor, where the program of employment is funded by LAC-DMH. Employment verification must be completed by direct clinical supervisor or program manager (no HR personnel).

**Site Match:** None

### Specific LA County Requirements and Details:

[http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HPEF/text\\_pdf\\_files/Los\\_Angeles\\_County\\_MHLAP\\_Criteria.pdf](http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HPEF/text_pdf_files/Los_Angeles_County_MHLAP_Criteria.pdf)

## Licensed Mental Health Services Provider Education Program (LMHSPEP)

An awardee may receive up to \$15,000 to repay educational loans over a 24-month period in exchange for a 24-month commitment to practicing and providing direct care in a publicly funded or public mental health facility, a non-profit mental health facility, or a mental health professions shortage area.

**Granting Organization:** Office of Statewide Health and Planning Development (OSHPD)

**Website:** <http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HPEF/LMHSPLRP.html>

### Eligible Disciplines:

Registered or Licensed Psychologist	Postdoctoral Psychological Assistants	Postdoctoral Psychological Trainees
Registered or Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists	Marriage and family therapist intern	Associate clinical social worker
Registered or Licensed Clinical Social Workers		

**Budget/Funding Available to Eligible Providers:** The maximum award amount for the LMH program is \$15,000. Award recipients may not receive the full amount. Awards may be as low as \$5,000 or as high as \$15,000.

**Site Application and Eligibility:** No site application required, site must be a publicly funded or public mental health facility, a non-profit mental health facility, or a mental health professions shortage area.

**Site Match:** None

**Specific Guidance and Details:** [http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HPEF/Text\\_pdf\\_files/FAQs/2013-2014-LMH\\_FAQs.pdf](http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HPEF/Text_pdf_files/FAQs/2013-2014-LMH_FAQs.pdf)

## Nurse Corps Loan Repayment Program

NURSE Corps Loan Repayment Program sets registered nurses (including advanced practice registered nurses and nursing faculty) on a rewarding career path while paying off 60 percent of their unpaid nursing student loans in just 2 years – plus an additional 25 percent of the original balance for an optional third year.

**Granting Organization:** Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

**Website:** <http://www.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/repayment/nursing/>

### Eligible Disciplines:

Licensed registered nurse	Nurse Practitioner	Nurse faculty
Certified nurse-midwives	Clinical nurse specialists	

**Budget/Funding Available to Eligible Providers:** 60 percent of total qualifying nursing educational loan balance paid for an initial two-year service commitment. For a third, optional, year of service an additional 25 percent of total qualifying nursing educational loan balance may be paid, subject to availability of funds.

**Site Application and Eligibility:** No site application required. Site must be designated as a Critical Shortage Facility (CSF), a health care facility located in, designated as, or serving a primary medical care or mental health Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA). If a facility has more than one type of HPSA designation with different scores, NURSE Corps LRP will use the highest score. All HPSA scores will be determined based on the physical address of the site provided in the nurse’s application.

**Site Match:** none

**Specific Guidance and Details:** <http://www.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/repayment/nursing/guidance.pdf>

## Bachelor of Science Nursing Loan Repayment (BSNLRP)

Bachelor of Science Nursing Loan Repayment Program sets registered nurses on a rewarding career path while paying up to \$8,000 towards education and requires a two-year service obligation.

**Granting Organization:** Office of Statewide Health and Planning Development (OSHPD)

**Website:** <http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HPEF/BSNLRP.html>

**Eligible Disciplines:** Currently licensed as a Registered Nurse in California and have a BSN degree

**Budget/Funding Available to Eligible Providers:** Those awarded the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Loan Repayment may receive up to \$8,000. If previously awarded the BSN loan repayment, participants may be awarded a second time for up to an additional \$11,000. If awarded, recipients agree to a two-year service obligation practicing direct patient care at a qualified facility in California. Each award requires an additional two year service obligation.

**Site Application and Eligibility:** No site application required. Site must be located in a Medically Underserved Area (MUA) or a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA).

**Site Match:** none

<p><b>Specific Guidance and Details:</b> <a href="http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HPEF/Text_pdf_files/FAQs/General-Program-FAQs.pdf">http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HPEF/Text_pdf_files/FAQs/General-Program-FAQs.pdf</a></p>
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## Licensed Vocational Nurse Loan Repayment (BSNLRP)

Licensed Vocational Nurse Loan Repayment program sets LVNs on a rewarding career path while paying up to \$6,000 towards education and requires a two year service obligation.

**Granting Organization:** Office of Statewide Health and Planning Development (OSHPD)

**Website:** <http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HPEF/BSNLRP.html>

**Eligible Disciplines:** Licensed Vocational Nurses (LVNs)

**Budget/Funding Available to Eligible Providers:** Those awarded the Licensed Vocational Nurse Loan Repayment may receive up to \$6,000. If awarded, recipients agree to continue practicing full time, direct patient care at a qualified facility in California for a twenty-four (24) month service obligation.

**Site Application and Eligibility:** No site application required. Site must be located in a Medically Underserved Area (MUA) or a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA).

**Site Match:** None

**Specific Guidance and Details:** [http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HPEF/Text\\_pdf\\_files/FAQs/General-Program-FAQs.pdf](http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HPEF/Text_pdf_files/FAQs/General-Program-FAQs.pdf)

## Vocational Nurse Scholarship

The Vocational Nurse Scholarship program sets health care professionals on a rewarding career path while paying up to \$4,000 towards one year of school in return for a twenty-four month service obligation

**Granting Organization:** Office of Statewide Health and Planning Development (OSHPD)

**Website:** <http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HPEF/VN.html>

**Eligible Disciplines:** Those currently accepted or enrolled in a California Board of Vocational Nursing and/or Psychiatric Technicians program for Vocational Nursing.

**Funding Available to Eligible Providers:** Those awarded the Vocational Nurse Scholarship may receive up to \$4,000 for one year of school. If awarded, recipients agree to practice full time, direct patient care at a qualified facility in California for a twenty-four (24) month service obligation.

**Site Application and Eligibility:** No site application required. Qualified facilities include those designated by The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources Administration (HRSA) or California's Shortage Designation Program, a liaison to the federal Shortage Designation Branch (SDB) of HRSA as Medically Underserved Area (MUA), Medically Underserved Population (MUP), Health Professional Shortage Area- Primary Care (HPSA-PC), Health Professional Shortage Area- Dental (HPSA-D), Primary Care Shortage Area (PCSA), and Registered Nurse Shortage Area (RNSA) .

**Site Match:** none

**Specific Guidance and Details:** [http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HPEF/Text\\_pdf\\_files/FAQs/General-Program-FAQs.pdf](http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HPEF/Text_pdf_files/FAQs/General-Program-FAQs.pdf)



## Licensed Vocational Nurse to Associate Degree Nursing Scholarships

The Licensed Vocational Nurse to Associate Degree Nursing Scholarship program sets health care professionals on a rewarding career path while paying up to \$8,000 towards one year of school and requires a two-year service obligation.

**Granting Organization:** Office of Statewide Health and Planning Development (OSHPD)

**Website:** <http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HPEF/LVNtoADN.html>

**Eligible Disciplines:** Be a licensed vocational nurse and currently accepted or enrolled in a California Board of Registered Nursing program for an Associate's Degree Nursing

**Budget/Funding Available to Eligible Providers:** Those awarded the Licensed Vocational Nurse to Associate Degree Nursing Scholarship may receive up to \$8,000 for one year of school. If awarded, recipients agree to practice full time, direct patient care at a qualified facility in California for a twenty-four (24) month service obligation as a Registered Nurse.

**Site Application and Eligibility:** No site application required. Qualified facilities include those designated by The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources Administration (HRSA) or California's Shortage Designation Program, a liaison to the federal Shortage Designation Branch (SDB) of HRSA as Medically Underserved Area (MUA), Medically Underserved Population (MUP), Health Professional Shortage Area- Primary Care (HPSA-PC), Health Professional Shortage Area- Dental (HPSA-D), Primary Care Shortage Area (PCSA), and Registered Nurse Shortage Area (RNSA) .

**Site Match:** None

**Specific Guidance and Details:** [http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HPEF/Text\\_pdf\\_files/FAQs/General-Program-FAQs.pdf](http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HPEF/Text_pdf_files/FAQs/General-Program-FAQs.pdf)

## Associate Degree Nursing Scholarship

The Associate Degree Nursing Scholarship program sets health care professionals on a rewarding career path while paying up to \$10,000 towards one year of school and requires a two-year service obligation.

**Granting Organization:** Office of Statewide Health and Planning Development (OSHPD)

**Website:** <http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HPEF/LVNtoADN.html>

**Eligible Disciplines:** Be a licensed vocational nurse and currently accepted or enrolled in a California Board of Registered Nursing program for an Associate's Degree Nursing

**Budget/Funding Available to Eligible Providers:** Those awarded the Associate Degree Nursing Scholarship may receive up to \$10,000. If awarded, recipients agree to a two-year service obligation practicing direct patient care at a qualified facility in California.

**Site Application and Eligibility:** No site application required. Qualified facilities include those designated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources Administration (HRSA) as a medically underserved area (MUA), health professional shortage area (HPSA), county, and state or veteran's facility.

**Site Match:** None

**Specific Guidance and Details:** [http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HPEF/Text\\_pdf\\_files/FAQs/General-Program-FAQs.pdf](http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HPEF/Text_pdf_files/FAQs/General-Program-FAQs.pdf)

## Bachelor of Science Nursing Scholarship

The Bachelor of Science Nursing Scholarship program sets health care professionals on a rewarding career path while paying up to \$13,000 and requires a two-year service obligation.

**Granting Organization:** Office of Statewide Health and Planning Development (OSHDP)

**Website:** <http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HPEF/BSN.html>

**Eligible Disciplines:** Be currently accepted or enrolled in a Bachelor Degree nursing program in California

**Budget/Funding Available to Eligible Providers:** Those awarded the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Scholarship may receive up to \$13,000. If awarded, recipients agree to a two-year service obligation practicing direct patient care at a qualified facility in California.

**Site Application and Eligibility:** No site application required. Qualified facilities include those designated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources Administration (HRSA) as a medically underserved area (MUA), health professional shortage area (HPSA), county, and state or veteran's facility.

**Site Match:** None

**Specific Guidance and Details:** [http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HPEF/Text\\_pdf\\_files/FAQs/General-Program-FAQs.pdf](http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HPEF/Text_pdf_files/FAQs/General-Program-FAQs.pdf)

## Health Professions Education Loan Repayment Program (HPLRP)

Health Professions Education Loan Repayment program sets health care professionals on a rewarding career path while paying up to \$50,000 towards education loans and requires a two year service obligation.

**Granting Organization:** Office of Statewide Health and Planning Development (OSHPD)

**Website:** <http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HPEF/HPSPLRP.html>

### Eligible Disciplines:

Clinical Nurse Specialist	Certified nurse-midwives	Physician Assistant
Dentist	Dental Hygienist	Nurse Practitioner

**Budget/Funding Available to Eligible Providers:** Those awarded the Health Professions Education Loan Repayment may receive up to \$50,000. If awarded, recipients agree to continue practicing full time, direct patient care at a qualified facility in California for a twenty-four (24) month service obligation.

**Site Application and Eligibility:** No site application required. Qualified facilities include those designated by The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources Administration (HRSA) or California's Shortage Designation Program, a liaison to the federal Shortage Designation Branch (SDB) of HRSA as Medically Underserved Area (MUA), Medically Underserved Population (MUP), Health Professional Shortage Area- Primary Care (HPSA-PC), Health Professional Shortage Area- Dental (HPSA-D), Primary Care Shortage Area (PCSA), and Registered Nurse Shortage Area (RNSA).

**Site Match:** None

**Specific Guidance and Details:** [http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HPEF/Text\\_pdf\\_files/FAQs/General-Program-FAQs.pdf](http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HPEF/Text_pdf_files/FAQs/General-Program-FAQs.pdf)

## Health Professions Education Scholarship Program (HPSP)

Health Professions Education Scholarship program provides health care professionals with up to \$50,000 for one year of school and requires a two-year service obligation.

**Granting Organization:** Office of Statewide Health and Planning Development (OSHPD)

**Website:** <http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HPEF/HPSP.html>

### Eligible Disciplines:

Clinical Nurse Specialist	Certified nurse-midwives	Physician Assistant
Dentist	Dental Hygienist	Nurse Practitioner

**Budget/Funding Available to Eligible Providers:** Those awarded the Health Professions Education Scholarship may receive up to \$50,000 for one year of school. If awarded, recipients agree to continue practicing full time, direct patient care at a qualified facility in California for a twenty-four (24) month service obligation

**Site Application and Eligibility:** No site application required. Qualified facilities include those designated by The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources Administration (HRSA) or California's Shortage Designation Program, a liaison to the federal Shortage Designation Branch (SDB) of HRSA as Medically Underserved Area (MUA), Medically Underserved Population (MUP), Health Professional Shortage Area- Primary Care (HPSA-PC), Health Professional Shortage Area- Dental (HPSA-D), Primary Care Shortage Area (PCSA), and Registered Nurse Shortage Area (RNSA).

**Site Match:** None

**Specific Guidance and Details:** [http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HPEF/Text\\_pdf\\_files/FAQs/General-Program-FAQs.pdf](http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HPEF/Text_pdf_files/FAQs/General-Program-FAQs.pdf)

## Allied Healthcare Loan Program (HPSP)

Allied Healthcare Loan Repayment Program sets allied healthcare professionals on a rewarding career path while paying up to \$8,000 of their unpaid student loans in return for a one-year service obligation.

**Granting Organization:** Office of Statewide Health and Planning Development (OSHPD)

**Website:** <http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HPEF/HPSP.html>

### Eligible Disciplines:

Certified Nurse Assistant	Clinical Laboratory Science
Community Health Worker	Dental Hygiene
Diagnostic Medical Sonography	Medical Assistant
Medical Imaging	Medical Laboratory Technology
Nuclear Medicine Technology	Pharmacy Technician
Physical Therapy Assistant	Radiation Therapy Technology
Radiologic Technology	Respiratory Care
Surgical Technician	Ultrasound Technician

**Funding Available to Eligible Providers:** Those awarded the Allied Healthcare Loan Repayment may receive up to \$8,000. If awarded, recipients agree to continue practicing full time, direct patient care at a qualified facility in California for a twelve (12) month service obligation.

**Site Application and Eligibility:** No site application required. Qualified facilities include those designated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources Administration (HRSA) or California's Shortage Designation Program, a liaison to the federal Shortage Designation Branch (SDB) of HRSA as Medically Underserved Area (MUA), Medically Underserved Population (MUP), Health Professional Shortage Area- Primary Care (HPSA-PC), Health Professional Shortage Area- Dental (HPSA-D), Primary Care Shortage Area (PCSA), and Registered Nurse Shortage Area (RNSA).

**Site Match:** None

**Specific Guidance and Details:** [http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HPEF/Text\\_pdf\\_files/FAQs/General-Program-FAQs.pdf](http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HPEF/Text_pdf_files/FAQs/General-Program-FAQs.pdf)

## Allied Healthcare Scholarship Program (AHSP)

Allied Healthcare Education Scholarship program provides allied health care professionals with up to \$8,000 for one year of school and requires a one-year service obligation.

**Granting Organization:** Office of Statewide Health and Planning Development (OSHPD)

**Website:** <http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HPEF/AHS.html>

### Eligible Disciplines:

Certified Nurse Assistant	Clinical Laboratory Science
Community Health Worker	Dental Hygiene
Diagnostic Medical Sonography	Medical Assistant
Medical Imaging	Medical Laboratory Technology
Nuclear Medicine Technology	Pharmacy Technician
Physical Therapy Assistant	Radiation Therapy Technology
Radiologic Technology	Respiratory Care
Surgical Technician	Ultrasound Technician

**Budget/Funding Available to Eligible Providers:** Those awarded the Allied Healthcare Scholarship may receive up to \$8,000 for one year of school. If awarded, recipients agree to a twelve (12) month service obligation practicing full time, direct patient care at a qualified facility in California.

**Site Application and Eligibility:** No site application required. Qualified facilities include those designated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources Administration (HRSA) or California's Shortage Designation Program, a liaison to the federal Shortage Designation Branch (SDB) of HRSA as Medically Underserved Area (MUA), Medically Underserved Population (MUP), Health Professional Shortage Area- Primary Care (HPSA-PC), Health Professional Shortage Area- Dental (HPSA-D), Primary Care Shortage Area (PCSA), and Registered Nurse Shortage Area (RNSA).

**Site Match:** None

**Specific Guidance and Details:** [http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HPEF/Text\\_pdf\\_files/FAQs/General-Program-FAQs.pdf](http://www.oshpd.ca.gov/HPEF/Text_pdf_files/FAQs/General-Program-FAQs.pdf)

## Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program (PSLF)

The Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program forgives the remaining balance on Direct Loans after a loan holder makes 120 qualifying monthly payments under a qualifying repayment plan while working full-time for a qualifying employer.

**Website:** <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/public-service>

### Eligible Disciplines:

Qualifying employment for the PSLF Program is not about the specific job that you do for your employer. Rather, it is about who your employer is. Employment with the following types of organizations qualifies for PSLF:

- Government organizations at any level (federal, state, local, or tribal)
  - Not-for-profit organizations that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code
  - Other types of not-for-profit organizations that provide certain types of qualifying public services
- Serving in a full-time AmeriCorps or Peace Corps position also counts as qualifying employment for the PSLF Program.

**Budget/Funding Available to Eligible Providers:** Those awarded the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program (PSLF) will qualify for forgiveness of the remaining balance due on any Direct Loan Program after 120 qualified payments made.

**Site Application and Eligibility:** No site application required. Sites must be one of the following: government organizations at any level (federal, state, local, or tribal), not-for-profit organizations that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or other types of not-for-profit organizations that provide certain types of qualifying public services

**Site Match:** None

**Specific Guidance and Details:** <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/public-service>



## Federal Perkins Loan Cancellation and Discharge

The Federal Perkins Loan Cancellation and Discharge program is for certain individuals may who have received Federal Perkins loans. Individuals with these loans may qualify to have up to 100 percent of their Federal Perkins Loan canceled when working in certain fields.

**Website:** <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/charts>

### **Eligible Disciplines:**

- Full-time nurse or medical technician
- Full-time employee of a public or nonprofit child or family services agency providing services to high-risk children and their families from low-income communities
- Full-time qualified professional provider of early intervention services for the disabled

**Budget/Funding Available to Eligible Providers:** Individuals who have a Federal Perkins Loans must apply to the school that made the loan or loan servicer the school has designated. Amount forgiven is up to 100% of the loan total.

**Site Application and Eligibility:** No site application required. Eligibility is based on the applicant's role within the clinic.

**Site Match:** None

**Specific Guidance and Details:** <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/charts>