# Nurse Corps Loan Repayment Program

## Program Description

Loan repayment is available to Registered Nurses (RN) and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) working in a public or private eligible Critical Shortage Facility (CSF) OR Nurse Faculty employed at an eligible school of nursing. A Critical Shortage Facility is a health care facility located in, designated as, or serving a primary medical care or mental health Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA).

## Financial Assistance

Awarded participants will receive payments totaling 60 percent of their outstanding qualifying educational loan balance incurred while pursuing an education in nursing in exchange for a two-year service commitment. Qualifying participants may receive an additional 25 percent of their original loan balance for an optional third year of service.

## Service Commitment

2-year minimum with an optional third year

## Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for loan repayment, all applicants must:

- Be a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or lawful permanent resident;
- Have a current, full, permanent, unencumbered, unrestricted license;
- Have earned a diploma, associate, baccalaureate, graduate or doctorate degree in nursing and have outstanding nursing educational loans;
- Be employed as a full-time RN or APRN working at least 32 hours per week at an eligible CSF or an eligible school of nursing.

## Where Participants Serve

Registered Nurses and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses: Public or private Critical Shortage Facility located in a HPSA designation

- Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH)
- Public Hospital
- Private Hospital
- Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)
- American Indian Health Facilities
- Native Hawaiian Health Center
- Rural Health Clinic
- School Based Clinic
- Small Rural Hospital
- State or Local Health Department
- Nurse Managed Health Clinic/Center
- Urgent Care Center
- Community Mental Health Center
- Free and Charitable Clinics
- End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Dialysis Centers
- Ambulatory Surgical Center
- Residential Nursing Home
- Home Health Agency
- Hospice Program

Nurse Faculty: Public or private schools of nursing accredited by a national nursing or State agency

## Funding Preference

Registered Nurses and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses: Preference will be given to nurses based on the greatest financial need, the type of facility where employed, and the mental health or primary care HPSA designation.

Nurse Faculty: Preference will be given to nurse faculty members with the greatest financial need working at schools of nursing with at least 50 percent enrollment of students from a disadvantaged background.

## Tax Liability

The full loan repayment award is taxable.

## Websites

- [https://bhw.hrsa.gov/loans-scholarships/nurse-corps/loan-repayment-program](https://bhw.hrsa.gov/loans-scholarships/nurse-corps/loan-repayment-program)
- [https://www.connector.hrsa.gov](https://www.connector.hrsa.gov)