## 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. Eligible sites include:

**Primary Care Settings**
- Federally Qualified Health Center
- Community mental health center
- Rural health clinic
- State or local health department
- Small rural hospital
- Outpatient facility
- American Indian health facility
- Home health agency
- School-based clinic
- Nurse managed health clinic/center
- Native Hawaiian health center
- Free and charitable clinic

**Hospitals and Other Critical Shortage Facilities**
- Disproportionate share hospital
- Public hospital
- Private hospital
- Urgent care center
- Ambulatory surgical center
- End stage renal disease dialysis center
- Hospice program
- Residential nursing home

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, their specialty and/or 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)