National Health Service Corps
Program & Updates

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Agenda

• National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Program Overview
  ➢ Loan Repayment Program (LRP)
  ➢ Scholarship Program (SP)
  ➢ Student to Service Loan Repayment Program (S2S)
  ➢ State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)

• 2013 NHSC Resources and Recruitment Tools

• Questions
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National Health Service Corps Student to Service Loan Repayment Pilot Program
THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS (NHSC)
builds healthy communities by supporting qualified health care providers dedicated to working in areas of the United States with limited access to care.
Nearly 10,000 primary health care professionals and nearly 14,000 sites*
• Opened – February 7, 2013; Closes – April 16, 2013
• FY 2013 Highlights
  – Two funding levels based on community need
    • HPSAs 14 & above – up to $60,000
    • HPSAs 13 & below – up to $40,000
  – Non-competitive LRP transition for Scholars
  – Electronic submission required
  – Shorter Application Cycle
• Planned Awards
  – Approximately 2,000 New Awards; 2,600 Continuations
• Loan Repayment remains tax free
Eligibility

✓ U.S. citizen or national

✓ Currently work, or applying to work, at an NHSC-approved site

✓ Have unpaid government or commercial loans for school tuition, reasonable educational expenses, and reasonable living expenses, segregated from all other debts

✓ Licensed to practice in state where employer site is located
Must be licensed and practicing in one of the following eligible disciplines:

- Physician (MD or DO)
- Nurse practitioner (primary care)
- Certified nurse-midwife
- Physician assistant
- Dentist (general or pediatric)
- Dental hygienist
• Psychiatrist
• Psychologist (health service)
• Licensed clinical social worker
• Psychiatric nurse specialist
• Marriage and family therapist
• Licensed professional counselor
How to apply?

1. Review the Application and Program Guidance
2. Find a job at an NHSC-approved site or find out if your current job is at an NHSC-approved site
3. Apply online at NHSC.hrsha.gov/loanrepayment

nhscjobs.hrsha.gov
NHSC Scholarship Program

- **FY 2013**
  - Application Period: March 2013-May 2013
  - Planned Awards: Approximately 200
  - Permanent Tax Exemption – American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012

- Scholars Commit to serve after training is completed; one year of service for each year of support
  - Service begins with a 2 year service agreement

- BCRS Regional Offices manage Scholar Placement
The Scholarship* includes:

- Payment of tuition and required fees (tax-free)
- Some other tax-free educational costs (books, etc.)
- A monthly living stipend (taxable)

*available for up to 4 years

Students pursuing careers in primary care can receive a scholarship now and serve later.
Eligibility

☑ U.S. citizen or national
☑ Full-time student at an accredited school, pursuing a degree in:
  • Medicine (DO or MD)
  • Dentistry (DMD or DDS)
  • Family Nurse Practitioner
  • Certified Nurse-Midwife
  • Physician Assistant (primary care)
Students to Service Loan Repayment Pilot

• Program Requirements
  – Physicians in 4th year of training
  – Must match to primary care residency
  – Placement in a HPSA of 14 or higher
  – Placement assistance provided
  – $120,000 for a 3-Year commitment

• Opened November 2012; Closed December 2012

• 87 Awards made in January 2013
Eligibility

- U.S. citizen or national
- Full-time student in the last year at an accredited school, pursuing a degree in Medicine (MD or DO)
- Planning to complete an accredited primary medical care residency in an NHSC-approved specialty (Internal Medicine, Family Practice, Pediatrics, OB/GYN, and Geriatrics)
- Have unpaid government or commercial loans for school tuition, reasonable educational expenses, and reasonable living expenses, segregated from all other debts
State Loan Repayment Program

• Matching Funds are provided to more than 30 states to operate their own loan repayment program for primary care providers.

• SLRP and NHSC LRP complement each other in reaching the goal of improving access to health care in underserved communities.

• SLRP varies state to state and also as compared to the NHSC in:
  ✓ Eligible disciplines
  ✓ Length of service commitment
  ✓ Amount of loan repayment offered
  ✓ Ability to utilize alternative funding sources
State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)

- Eligible Applicants – States

- FY 2012 Expanded eligible sites & disciplines
  - New sites include: Critical Access Hospitals, Nursing Homes, and State and County Inpatient Mental Health Facilities
  - New disciplines include: Registered Nurses and Pharmacists
Growth of the NHSC

Field strength includes primary medical, oral, and behavioral health care providers.

FY 2011 includes funding from Recovery Act, Affordable Care Act, and Base Appropriations.
Nearly 10,000 NHSC primary care providers are working in communities with limited access to health care nationwide.
NHSC-approved sites enable NHSC providers to fulfill their service obligations.
Eligible Types of Sites

- Federally qualified health center (FQHC)
  - Includes 330 Healthcare for Homeless sites and Migrant Health Centers
- Federally qualified health center look-alike
- Certified rural health clinic
- Hospital-affiliated primary care out-patient clinic
- Indian Health Service, Tribal Clinic, and Urban Indian Health Clinic (ITU)
- State or Federal Correctional Facility
- Private Practice (Solo/Group)
- Other Health Facility
Customer Service Portal

- Allows NHSC members to access their information and complete transactions online, at any time of day

- Corps members can:
  - View payment information
  - View tax information
  - Update contact information
  - Ask BCRS a question
  - Request to defer start date
Recruitment Tool

NHSC Jobs Center
OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE QUALITY SERVICES THAT PROMOTE WELLNESS & BALANCE OF MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT FOR THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE.

The NATIVE Project was incorporated in 1989 as a 501 (c) 3 non-profit agency offering safe & fun activities to youth in the greater Spokane area. Addressing an alarming trend of alcohol and substance abuse issues in the community, the NATIVE Project quickly evolved into an adolescent youth, outpatient treatment center. By 1999, the NATIVE Project became the parent company to an I.H.S. contracted, Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) called NATIVE Health of Spokane. Since our incorporation, we have served over 217 Federally recognized Tribes from across the US & over 16,000 patients. We're a multidisciplinary team agency that includes chemical dependency, mental health, dental, pharmacy and primary care treatment. In the clinic alone, we have 1 MD, 2 ARNPs, 2 RNs, 1 LPN, 2 HCAs, 1 RD/CDE, 1 LICSW/CDP, 1 LMHC, 1 Clinical Case Manager, 1 Clinic Manager, 2 Schedulers, 2 Patient Registration, 1 Clinical Applications Coordinator, 1 Researcher & an on-site contracted pharmacy.

Contact Info
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Days/Hours of Operation
Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm Federal Holidays
Off

Relevant Links
- NATIVE Project

Site Brochure
View Site Brochure
NHSC Virtual Job Fairs
Recruitment Tool
Virtual Job Fairs leverage technology to give NHSC sites a cost-effective solution for promoting job vacancies in real time to primary care clinicians.

Three (3) Virtual Job Fairs in 2012
- Total of 68 sites representing 206 sites recruiting for 371 jobs in 27 states
- February: in 8 states (South/Southeast)
- June: 12 states (Midwest and Southwest)
- September: 7 states (West/Pacific)

Five (5) Virtual Job Fairs planned for 2013
- Presenting sites usually represent multiple sites
- Job openings may be for all primary care disciplines
- Site participation prioritized based on HPSA score
Katherine Culp, D.M.D.
NHSC Member
Loan Repayment Program,
Gadsden, AL

Growing up in Jasper, AL, Katharine knew at the early age of 6, that she wanted to be a dentist. "I always came home with a good dental health report and it made me so happy!" says Dr. Culp. So happy, that she started shadowing her family dentist in middle school and on through high school. She quickly realized that many children did not get a perfect dental report and this made her desire to become a dentist stronger than ever.
Customer Care Center

Access member resources and information by:

☑ Phone: 1-800-221-9393
☑ Email: GetHelp@hrsa.gov
☑ Web: NHSC.hrsa.gov
Other Resources

- www.facebook.com/nationalhealthservicecorps
- Twitter.com/NHSCorps
- www.youtube.com/HRSAtube
As of March 2013, there are 65 National Health Service Corps clinicians working in Health Care for the Homeless Sites.

There are 457 NHSC Health Care for Homeless Sites
- 53 Have site Profiles on the NHSC Job Center
- 404 do not have profiles

NHSC Job Center:
- Nearly 5,200 sites across the country are using the tool
- Health Care for Homeless sites are under-represented

NHSC does not have points of contact for 274 sites – customer portal!!