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SUD Workforce LRP Pre-Application Toolkit

## Health Resources and Services Administration's Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Workforce Loan Repayment Program (LRP)

*(Pre-application Version)*

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### Introduction

HRSA's National Health Service Corps has awarded scholarships and loan repayment to health care providers dedicated to working in areas with limited access to care for nearly 50 years.

As part of HHS's swift response to the opioid epidemic, we are excited to announce the upcoming launch of a new NHSC program that will expand and improve access to quality opioid and substance use disorder treatment in underserved areas nationwide.

Health care clinicians who are qualified to provide substance use disorder treatment may receive student loan repayment in return for their service at NHSC-approved sites.

#### Eligible sites can include:

- SAMHSA-certified outpatient treatment programs (OTPs)
- Office-based opioid treatment facilities (OBOTs)
- Non-opioid substance use disorder treatment facilities (SUD treatment facilities)
- Federally Qualified Health Care Centers (FQHCs)
- Rural Health Clinics (RHCs)
- American Indian Health facilities



- FQHC Look-Alikes
- State or federal correctional facilities
- Critical Access Hospitals
- Community health centers
- State or local health departments
- Community outpatient facilities
- Private practices
- School-based clinics
- Mobile units and free clinics

**Eligible disciplines and specialties are:**

- Physicians
- Nurse practitioners
- Physician assistants who are eligible to administer Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT)
- Behavioral health professionals
- Substance use disorder counselors
- Registered nurses
- Pharmacists

**Applicants from a NHSC-approved SUD treatment facility may receive priority if they:**

- Have a DATA 2000 waiver;
- Serve in an opioid treatment program; *or*
- Are certified in substance use disorder interventions, such as master’s-level substance use disorder counselors.

We encourage eligible clinicians passionate about helping patients recover from addiction to apply when NHSC begins accepting applications later this year.

For the latest information and to sign up for email updates visit:

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

Additional loan repayment opportunities are available through HRSA programs, such as the [National Health Service Corps](#) and [NURSE Corps](#), for professionals in [specific Health Professional Shortage Areas \(HPSAs\)](#).



## Drop-In Article/Listserv

The content below can be distributed to your members in a newsletter, website article, or email listserv.

### HRSA Announces Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Workforce Loan Repayment Program (LRP)

For nearly 50 years, the Health Resources and Services Administration's National Health Service Corps (NHSC) has awarded scholarships and loan repayment to health care providers dedicated to working in areas with limited access to care. NHSC is now building upon this tradition - providing quality care to those who need it most - with a new program to address the opioid epidemic.

The NHSC Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Workforce Loan Repayment Program (LRP) offers student loan repayment awards of up to \$75,000 to qualified clinicians in exchange for three years of service at an NHSC approved site providing SUD services. These sites are located in Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA) around the country in rural, urban and frontier communities.

NHSC-approved sites are generally outpatient facilities providing primary medical, dental, and/or mental and behavioral health services. These facilities may be federally qualified health centers, rural health clinics, state or federal correctional facilities, or free clinics. The full list of site types is available on the program's web page ([www.nhsc.hrsa.gov](http://www.nhsc.hrsa.gov)).

Applicants from an NHSC-approved SUD treatment facility may receive priority for the NHSC SUD Workforce LRP if they have a DATA 2000 waiver to administer medication-assisted treatment (MAT); serve in an opioid treatment program; or are certified in substance use disorder interventions, such as master's-level substance use disorder counselors. HRSA is opening this loan repayment opportunity to a broader pool of eligible disciplines and specialties, including physicians; nurse practitioners; physician assistants who are eligible to administer MAT; behavioral health professionals; substance use disorder counselors; registered nurses; and pharmacists.

Clinicians accepted to the program will ensure patients living with the disease of addiction have access to quality health care. Without these clinicians, some patients would not have the resources they need to recover.



Even within our current field strength, NHSC is helping to address mental and behavioral health needs in the nation's underserved communities. More than one-third of current NHSC clinicians are mental and behavioral health providers, helping combat the opioid crisis our nation is currently facing as well as working to address serious mental health issues more broadly. Moreover, one in three NHSC clinicians serve in rural communities.

The NHSC builds healthy communities by providing financial awards to health care providers committed to serving in the nation's high-need, rural and tribal areas. NHSC has provided scholarships and loan repayment for more than 50,000 recipients, helping communities recruit and retain quality primary care clinicians committed to providing care where they are needed most.

We encourage eligible clinicians passionate about helping patients recover from addiction to apply.

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



## Short Event Description

### HRSA's Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Workforce Loan Repayment Program (LRP) Facebook Chat

HRSA will host a [Facebook Chat](#) for eligible behavioral health professionals interested in the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Workforce Loan Repayment Program.

Participants will have the opportunity to hear about the new NHSC program that will expand and improve access to quality opioid and substance use disorder treatment in underserved areas nationwide.

Health care clinicians who are qualified to provide substance use disorder treatment may receive up to \$75,000 in student loan repayment in return for their service at NHSC-approved sites.

Participation Information:  
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## Social Media Content

By posting these messages below to your Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, and Twitter accounts, you will help increase awareness about this event to all your social media followers.

Please feel free to update and tailor the messages for your platforms and audience. Remember to include the graphic from the next page with your message:

### Facebook/LinkedIn/Instagram Content

- HRSA will soon announce a Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Workforce Loan Repayment Program. Clinicians employed at @NHSCorps approved sites and provide substance use disorder treatment may be eligible to apply. Learn more at <https://bit.ly/2DEM8HR>

### Twitter Content

- HRSA will soon announce a Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Workforce Loan Repayment Program. Clinicians employed at @NHSCorps approved sites may be eligible to apply. Learn more at <https://bit.ly/2DEM8HR> @HRSAgov

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## PowerPoint Slide for Webinars/Presentations

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Also, if you would like a HRSA representative to speak during an upcoming event, presentation, or webinars, please feel free to reach out to our team by emailing Winnie Chen at [wchen@hrsa.gov](mailto:wchen@hrsa.gov).

### NHSC Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Workforce Loan Repayment Program (LRP)

Expands and improves access to quality opioid and substance use disorder treatment in underserved areas nationwide



- Awards up to \$75,000 for a 3-year service commitment
- Must be trained and licensed to provide SUD treatment at NHSC-approved SUD treatment facilities

**NHSC will begin accepting applications later this year**

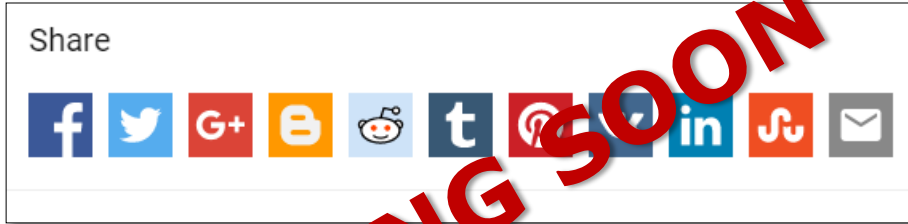
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## Share Our Video

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