

NATIONAL HEALTH
SERVICE
CORPS 



THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS (NHSC)

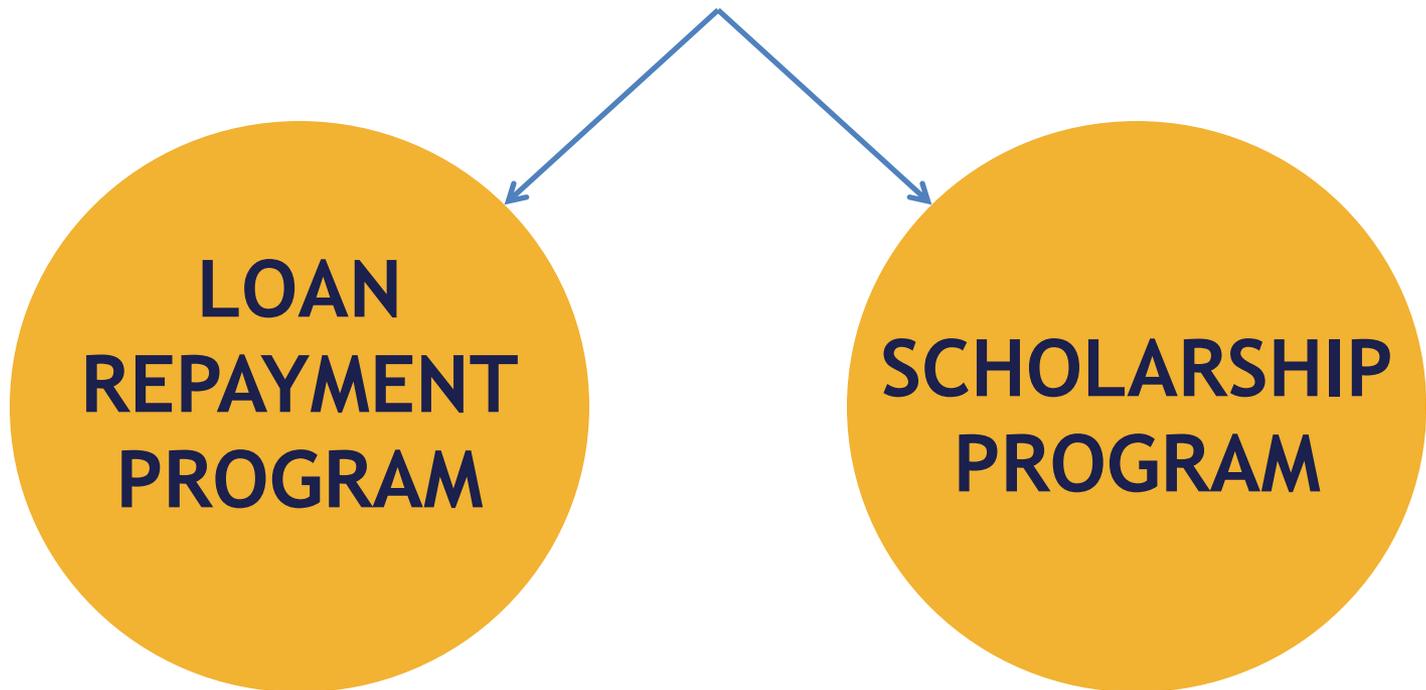
builds healthy communities by supporting qualified health care providers dedicated to working in areas of the United States with limited access to care.

A network of 8,000
primary health
care professionals
and 10,000 sites*



**As of April 2011*

The NHSC provides financial support to providers in exchange for working at NHSC-approved sites.



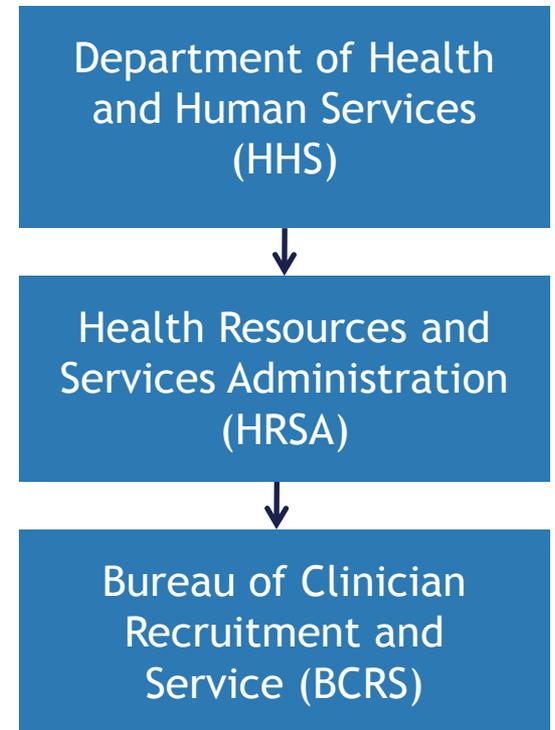


NHSC sites

- Apply to join the NHSC network of approved sites
- Are located in communities that have limited access to health care
- Allow NHSC providers to fulfill their service commitments

Bureau of clinician recruitment and service

- The NHSC falls within HRSA's Bureau of Clinician Recruitment and Service (BCRS)
- BCRS coordinates the recruitment and retention of health professionals to work in medically underserved communities



BCRS

NHHSP

*Native Hawaiian Health
Scholarship Program*

NSP

*Nursing
Scholarship
Program*

**NHSC
SP**

*National Health
Service Corps*

SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM

NELRP

*Nursing
Education
Loan
Repayment
Program*

**NHSC
LRP**

*National Health
Service Corps*

LOAN REPAYMENT
PROGRAM

FLRP

*Faculty Loan
Repayment
Program*

**NHSC
SLRP**

*National Health
Service Corps*

STATE LOAN
REPAYMENT PROGRAM

History of the Corps



The NHSC was created in response to the health care crisis that emerged in the United States in the 1950s and 1960s when retiring physicians left many areas of the country without medical services.

1970s

- NHSC created
- First scholarships
- Grew from 181 providers to over 1,800
- Budget 10 times larger by end of decade

1980s

- Loan Repayment Program (LRP) launched
- Predicted physician surplus—budget reduced
- Field strength at 1,500 by 1989

1990s

- Early 1990s — Only 1,000 providers serve
- Mental health disciplines added to LRP
- Over 2,500 providers in service by end of decade

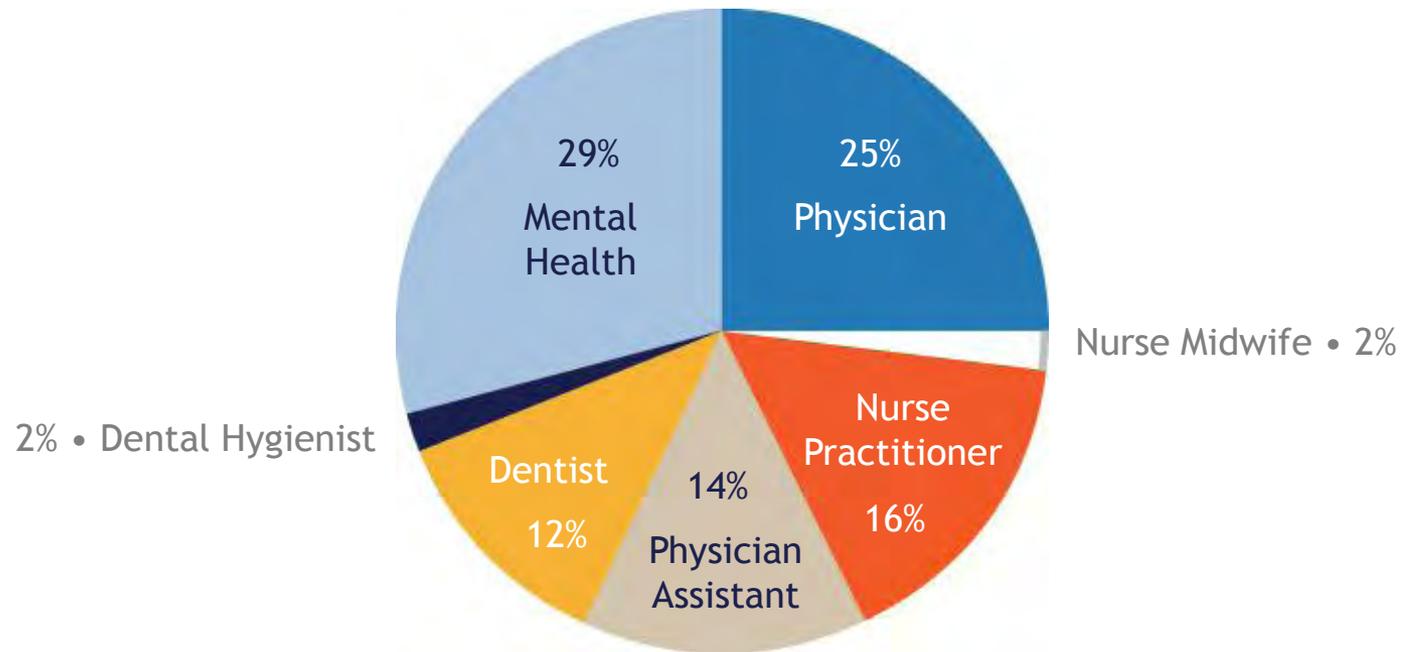
2000s

- Recovery Act and Health Care Reform —increased funding
- Unprecedented growth in field strength
- Number of NHSC members projected to triple from 2008 to 2011



NHSC Today





More than 8,000 NHSC primary care providers are working in communities with limited access to health care nationwide.

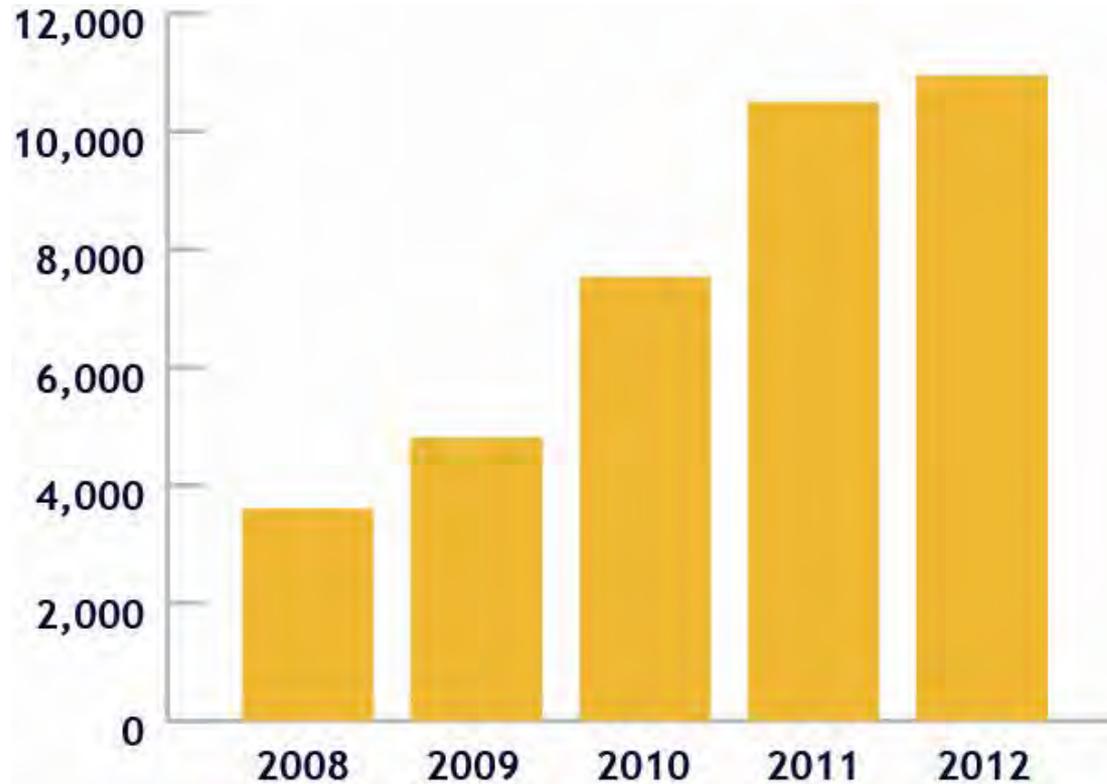


Fast facts

- ✓ NHSC members are currently providing care to more than 7 million people in the United States
- ✓ Networking and other educational resources are available to support NHSC providers during their service
- ✓ By October 2011, it is projected that nearly 10,500 providers will be caring for more than 11 million people, almost tripling providers in service since 2008



NHSC field strength*



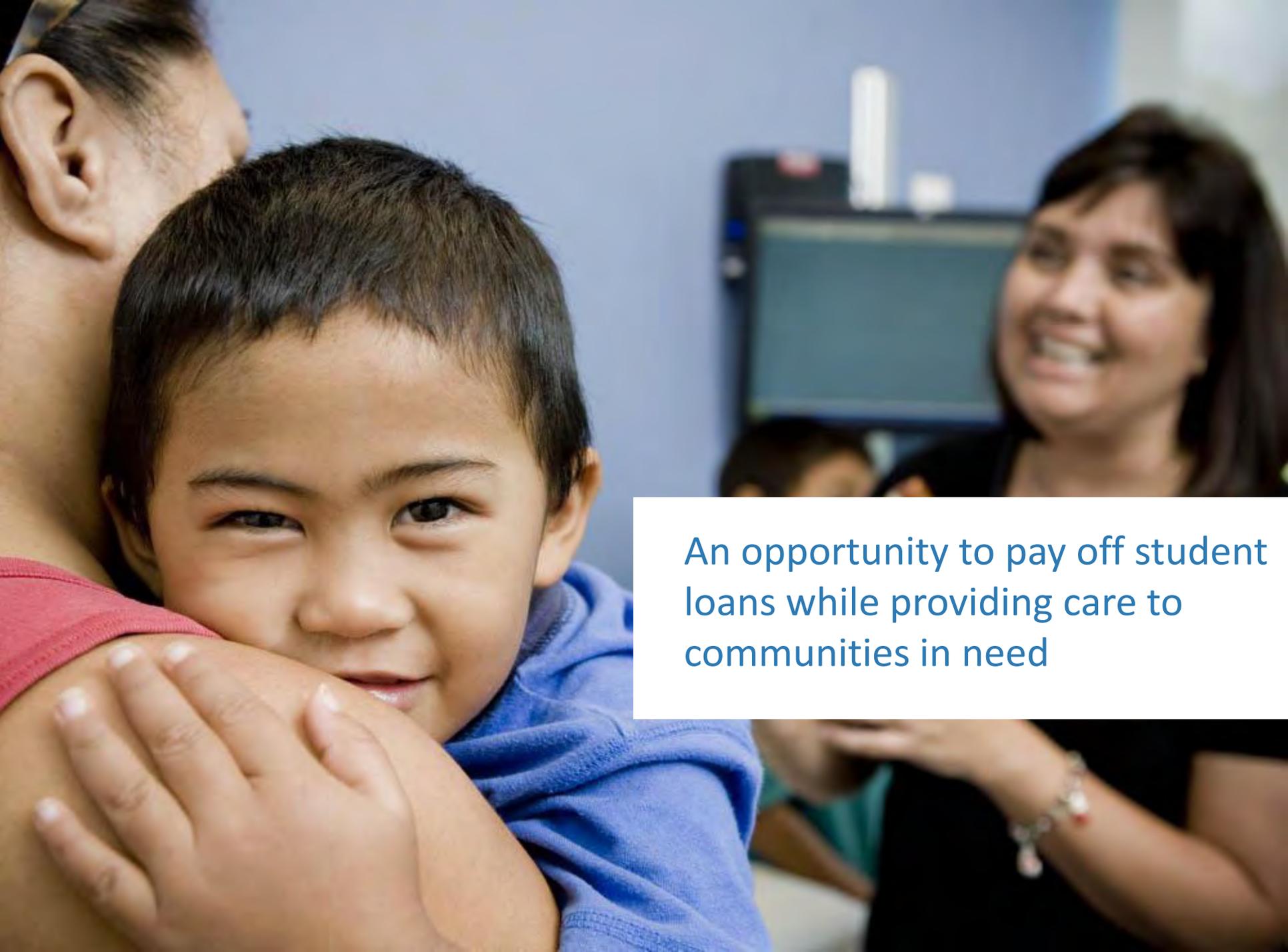
**NHSC Field Strength Projections based on the 2012 Budget Guidance*



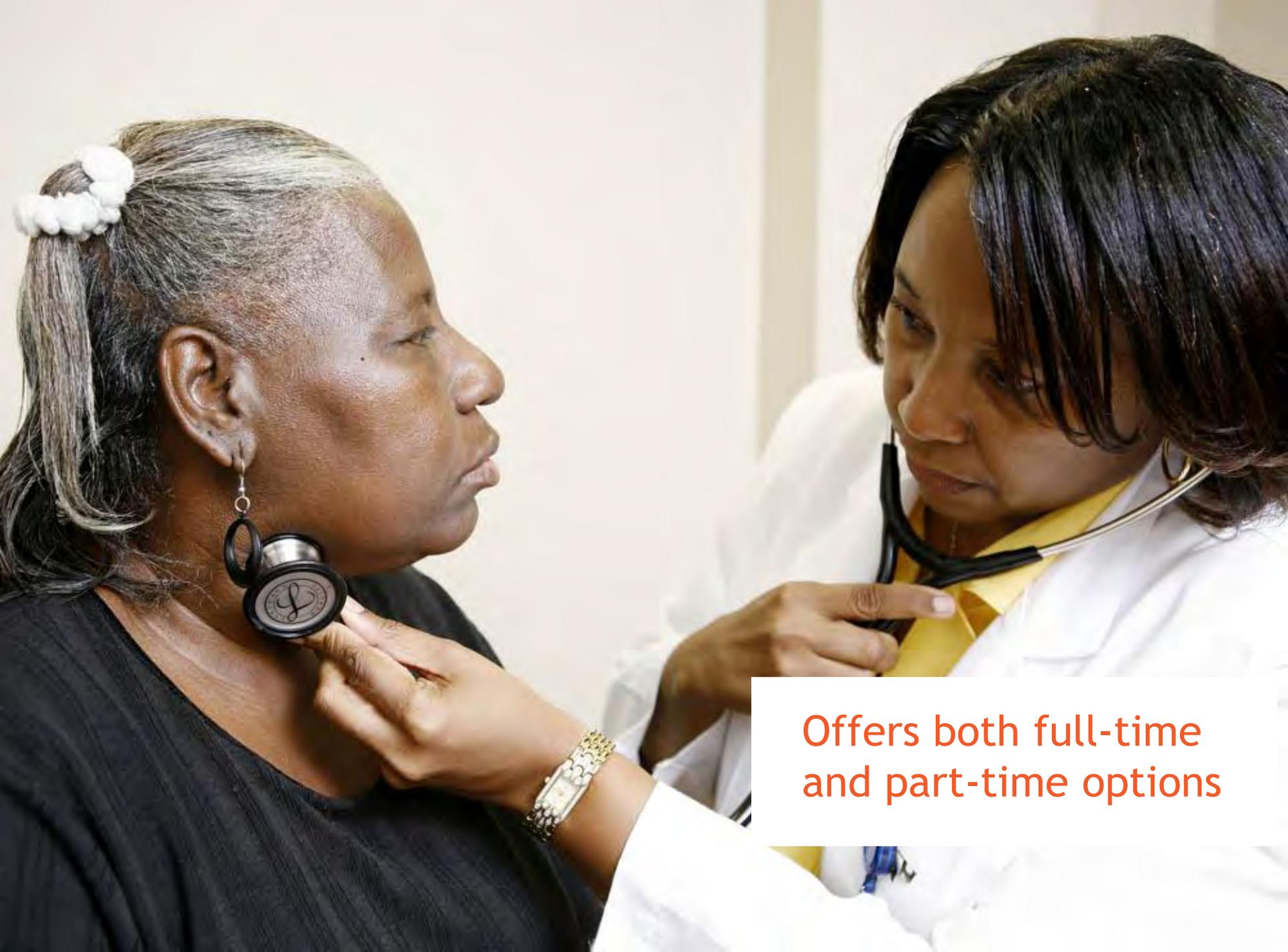
Loan Repayment Program

(LRP)





An opportunity to pay off student loans while providing care to communities in need



Offers both full-time
and part-time options

“At the end of the day when I leave the office, I get a sense of satisfaction that I have made a difference in the lives of my patients.”

~ Patrick Antoine, NHSC member



UP TO
\$60,000
2 YEARS

UP TO
\$170,000
5 YEARS

The full-time program offers up to **\$60,000** in tax-free loan repayment for **2 YEARS** of service, and up to **\$170,000** for a **5-YEAR** service commitment.

With continued service beyond 5 years, health care providers may be able to pay off all their student loans.



Providers receive loan repayment in addition to a competitive salary from their employers: NHSC-approved sites

1

Providers find a job at an NHSC-approved site

THEN

2

Apply to the NHSC for loan repayment



Loan Repayment Award

INITIAL CONTRACT	FULL-TIME 2 YEARS \$60,000	HALF-TIME 4 YEARS \$60,000	HALF-TIME 2 YEARS \$30,000
3 rd year	\$40,000	<i>initial contract</i>	\$15,000
4 th year	\$40,000	<i>initial contract</i>	\$15,000
5 th year	\$30,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
6 th year	\$30,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Total After 6 Years of Service	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$100,000

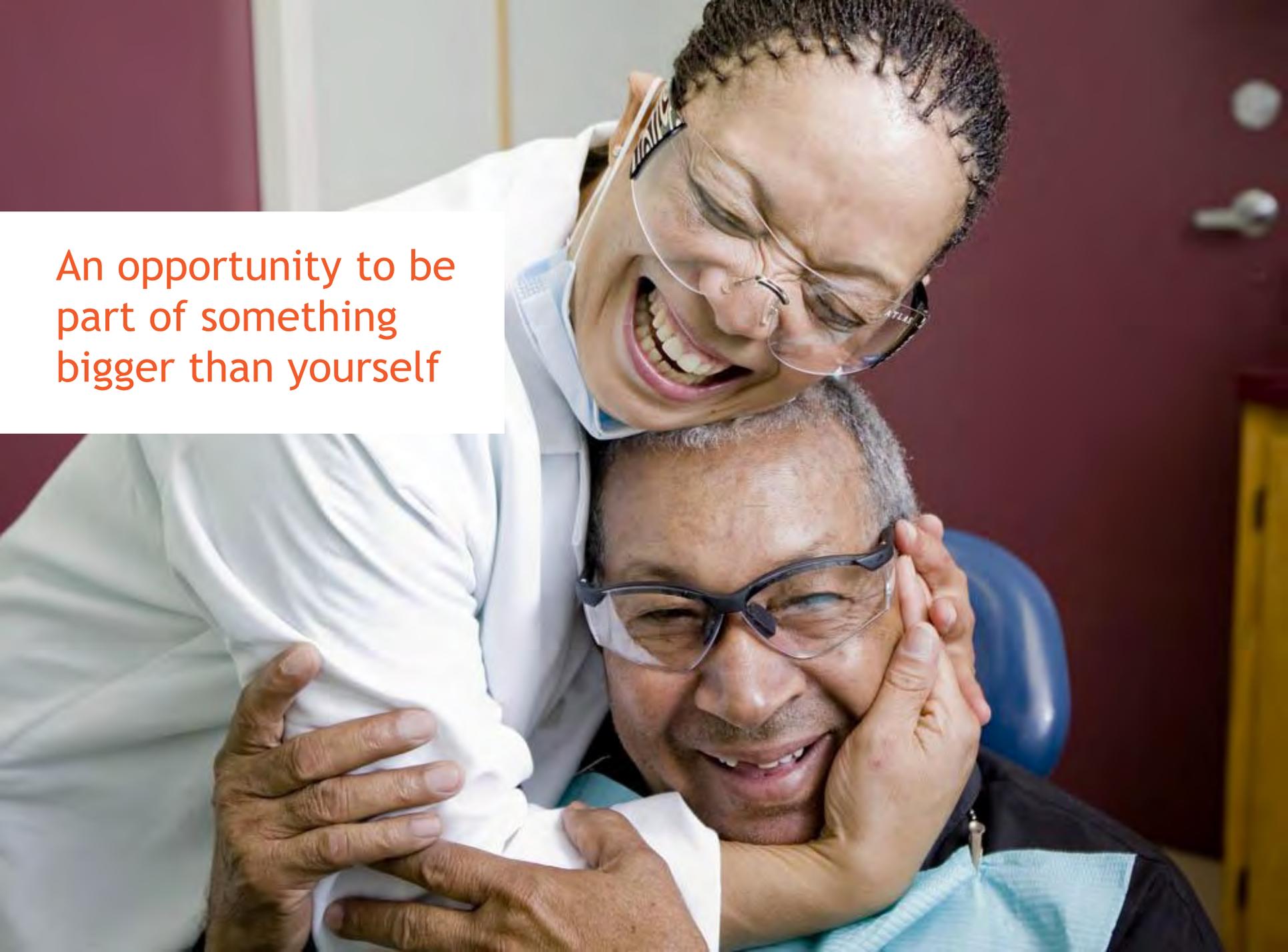


Additional Benefits

- A portion of service obligation can be fulfilled by teaching
- Face-to-face and virtual networking opportunities provide support from other providers and community resources
- Educational support including access to free CEU courses
- Rewarding patient relationships



An opportunity to be
part of something
bigger than yourself



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 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.hrsa.gov

nhscjobs.hrsa.gov/Search_HPOL.aspx





Learn more at
[NHSC.hrsa.gov/loanrepayment](https://www.nhsc.hrsa.gov/loanrepayment)

Scholarship Program

(SP)



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

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*





“We bring health care to people who otherwise wouldn’t have access. That’s what inspired me. It’s filling a void. It’s filling a need that is very much there.”

~ Kristen Frank, NHSC Scholar



**YEARS OF
SUPPORT**

=

**YEARS OF
SERVICE**

Scholars commit to serve in the Corps upon completion of their training — one year for each year of support (at least 2 years).





Scholars choose where they will serve from a list of more than 10,000 NHSC-approved sites in high-need areas, both rural and urban.



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Eligibility

- ✓ U.S. citizen or national
- ✓ Full-time student at an accredited school, pursuing a degree in:
 - Medicine (DO or MD)
 - Dentistry
 - Nurse practitioner
 - Certified nurse-midwife
 - Physician assistant



How to apply

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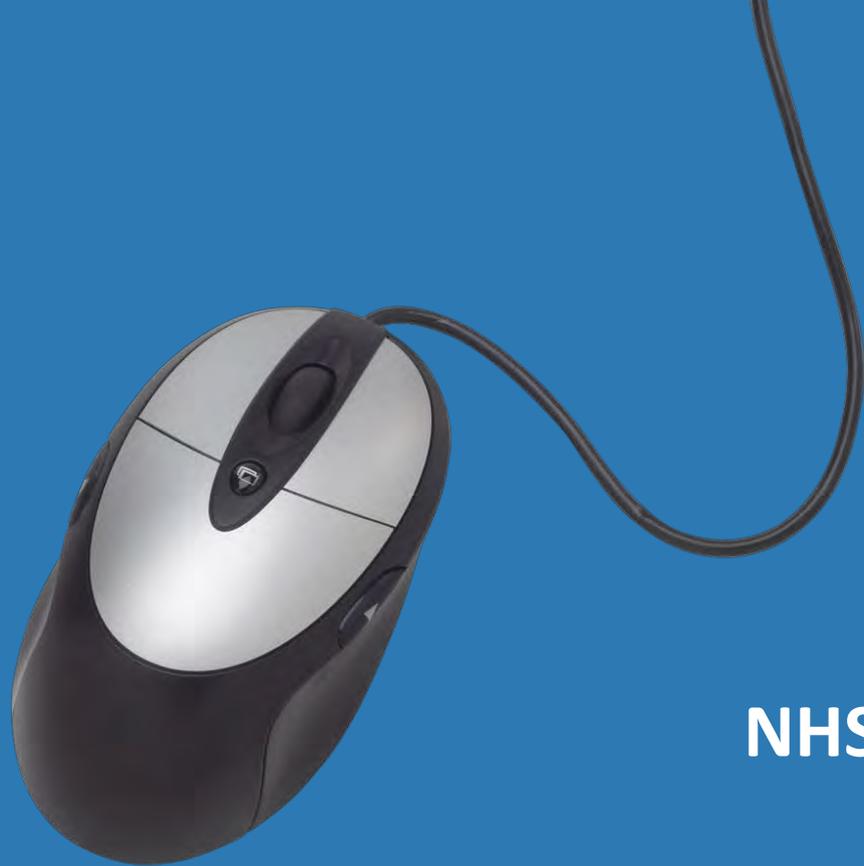
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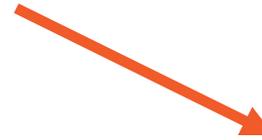
Two programs provide students the opportunity to gain experience working in communities with limited access to health care.



SEARCH

Student/Resident Experiences and Rotations in Community Health

Opportunities for students and residents to experience clinical rotations on multidisciplinary health care teams



CHSC

Collegiate Health Service Corps

Exposes undergraduates to health careers through service learning experiences

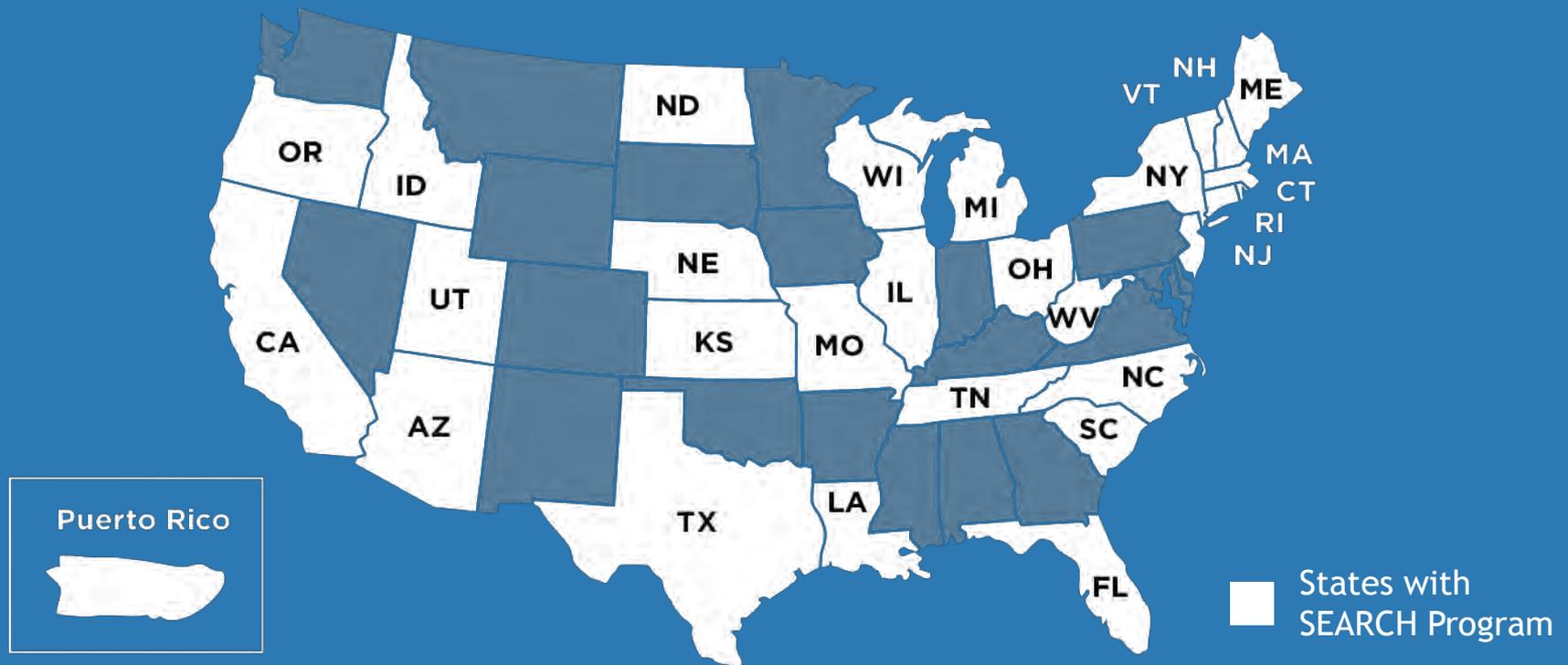


SEARCH



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Students apply to serve on a SEARCH rotation at any of the 29 programs



SEARCH

- All NHSC disciplines are eligible
- Many programs provide small stipends or work with school rotation requirements
- Students receive career development support from supervisors and preceptors



SEARCH



Learn more at
[NHSC.hrsa.gov/search](https://nhsc.hrsa.gov/search)



Collegiate Health Service Corps (CHSC)



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- A three-semester training and service learning experience
- Run in partnership with the Area Health Education Centers, universities, and colleges in five states (NY, FL, TN, LA, UT)



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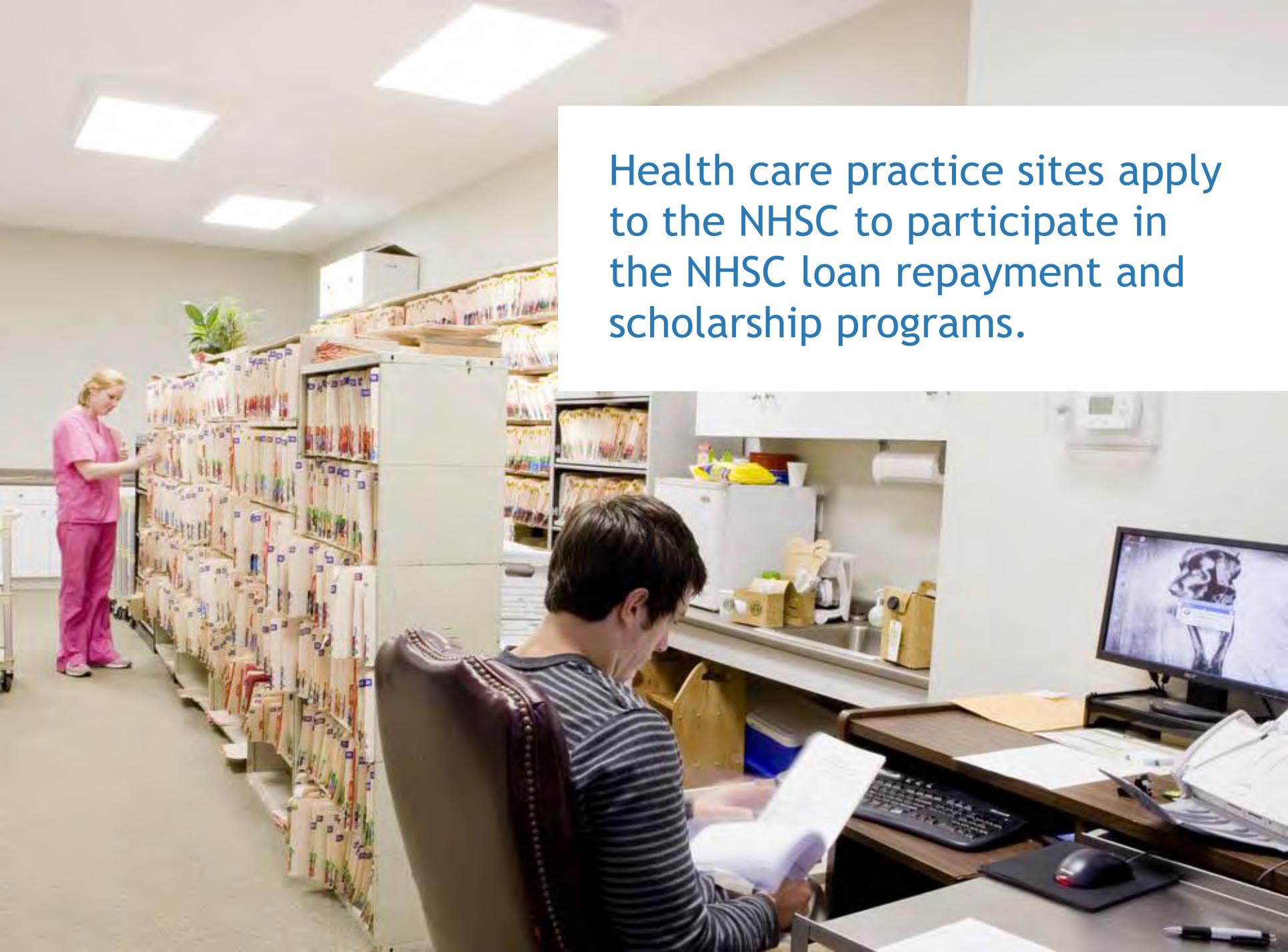
- Program includes:
 - ✓ 75 hours of service learning at an NHSC site
 - ✓ Interactive workshops
 - ✓ CPR and First-Aid Certification



NHSC Sites



Health care practice sites apply to the NHSC to participate in the NHSC loan repayment and scholarship programs.





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PRIMARY HEALTH CARE CENTER

• Pediatrics • Family Practice • General Dentistry

Your Community Health Center in Northwest Georgia



watchFire signs

NHSC-approved sites enable NHSC providers to fulfill their service obligations.



“The NHSC clinicians working here are some of the most committed, dedicated, mission-driven people I have ever worked with in my life.”

~ Larry Gottlieb, NHSC-approved Site Administrator



Recruit
providers and
residents dedicated
to working where
they are needed
most

Post clinical
vacancies on the
NHSC online
national
recruitment
database

Network with
other NHSC-
approved sites

Benefits

Receive
community and
site development
assistance

Establish
an integrated
system of care that
includes the
uninsured and
underinsured

Develop linkages
with academic
institutions and
other organizations

Eligible Types of Sites

- ✓ Federally qualified health center look-alike
- ✓ Certified rural health clinic
- ✓ Indian Health Service site (Federal or Tribal)
- ✓ Solo and group partnership or practice
- ✓ Public health departments
- ✓ Hospital-affiliated primary care practice
- ✓ Managed care network
- ✓ State or Federal prison
- ✓ U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement site



Eligibility

- Site must be
 - ✓ Located in a federally designated Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA)
 - *A geographic area, population group, or health care facility that has been designated by HRSA as having a shortage of health professionals*
 - ✓ See all patients regardless of ability to pay
 - ✓ Provide services on a discount fee schedule



Eligibility

- Site must
 - ✓ Accept patients covered by Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance Program
 - ✓ Not discriminate in the provision of services
 - ✓ Document sound fiscal management
 - ✓ Have capacity to maintain a competitive salary, benefits, and malpractice coverage package for providers



How to apply

1

Contact the appropriate State Primary Care Office

2

Complete and submit the Site Application

3

Complete and submit the Site Profile Form





Learn more at
[NHSC.hrsa.gov/communities](https://www.nhsc.hrsa.gov/communities)

Community support

Primary Care Offices (PCOs)

- State level offices that facilitate and participate in activities to improve access to health care services for residents of their state
- PCOs:
 - ✓ Know the needs and barriers to primary care in each state
 - ✓ Know providers and sites in their state—including NHSC-approved sites
 - ✓ Help members identify available jobs at NHSC-approved sites
 - ✓ Assist sites with the NHSC application process



Community support

Primary Care Associations (PCAs)

- Non-profit organizations located in states that provide training and technical assistance to community, migrant health, homeless, and other safety net providers
- PCAs:
 - ✓ Assist in planning for growth of health centers in their states
 - ✓ Help develop strategies to recruit and retain health center staff
 - ✓ Help members identify available jobs at NHSC-approved sites
 - ✓ Assist sites with the NHSC application process



Community support

Area Health Education Centers (AHECs)

- AHEC programs help recruit, train, and retain a health professions workforce committed to underserved populations
- AHECs:
 - ✓ Understand where the need for health care professionals in the state and communities exists
 - ✓ Link to community and academic educational partnerships
 - ✓ Connect NHSC members to educational opportunities, continuing education, and rotations for residents



Community support

State Offices of Rural Health (SORHs)

- SORHs work to improve access to health care in rural and underserved areas to reduce health disparities
- SORHs:
 - ✓ Provide access to tools and resources for those serving in rural areas
 - ✓ Know about job opportunities at rural NHSC-approved sites
 - ✓ Offer networking opportunities with other rural providers



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