



NURSES Grant & The National Health Service Corp Opportunities

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What is the National Health Service Corps?

The **National Health Service Corps (NHSC)** is a federal program established to improve access to healthcare in underserved areas across the United States.

Mission: The NHSC aims to build healthy communities by supporting qualified healthcare providers dedicated to working in areas with limited access to care, known as Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs).

Purpose: By offering financial incentives, NHSC helps address the shortage of healthcare professionals in rural, urban, and tribal communities that face significant health disparities.



NHSC Programs and Impact

- **NHSC Loan Repayment Program:** Provides loan repayment assistance to licensed healthcare providers who serve at NHSC-approved sites in HPSA.
- **NHSC Scholarship Program:** Offers scholarships to students pursuing primary care health professions in exchange for a service commitment in an underserved area after graduation.
- **NHSC Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Workforce Loan Repayment Program:** Targets healthcare providers who treat individuals with substance use disorders in areas particularly affected by the opioid crisis.
- **NHSC Rural Community Loan Repayment Program:** Focuses on improving healthcare in rural communities by supporting providers who work in rural HPSA.



NHSC Scholarship Overview

- The NHSC Scholarship Program offers financial support to students pursuing eligible primary care professions. Scholarship recipients commit to serving in a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) upon graduation. Key benefits include:
 - Tuition and Fees: Covers the full cost of tuition, fees, and eligible educational expenses
 - Monthly Stipend: Provides a monthly living stipend while in school
 - Service Commitment: Requires a commitment to work in an NHSC-approved site in a designated HPSA



Why become a National Health Service Corps approved site?

- NHSC-approved sites can use their status to recruit and retain healthcare professionals through the NHSC network of care providers.
- Utilize the Health Workforce Connector site to reach clinicians seeking work in communities with limited access to care as well as participate in virtual job fairs
- NHSC scholars are provided travel allowance and supportive services for pre-employment travel as well as relocation expenses



Site Requirements:



Certified Rural Health Clinics are eligible



Critical Access Hospitals



More information regarding eligibility requirements can be found at <https://nhsc.hrsa.gov/sites/eligibility-requirements>

Application Process

- The new site application cycle is for sites that:
 - Have **never** been NHSC-approved, including sites that have applied and had their application denied or canceled
 - Are currently **inactive** for NHSC due to expiration or past compliance issues
 - Application cycle expected to open in Spring 2025



Questions on NHSC?



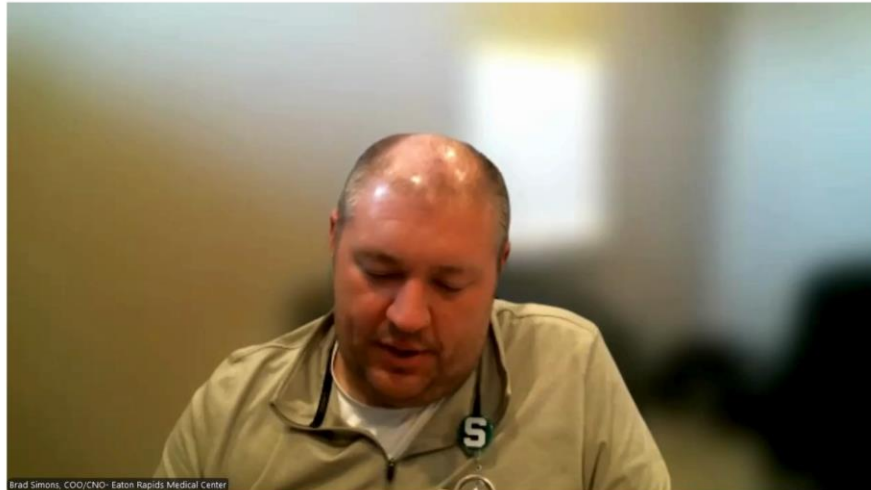
NURSES Grant

- The primary goal of the NURSES Grant is to provide community-based outpatient clinical experiences to BSN students
- Addresses the nursing shortage in rural Michigan by offering comprehensive student support. The grant covers mileage and lodging for clinical rotations and provides additional funding for paid internships
- We are excited to welcome Rural Health Clinics to participate in this impactful program, developed in collaboration with the Michigan Primary Care Association
- Learn more at <https://mcrh.msu.edu/programs/workforce/loan-repayment>



Firsthand Experience:

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