

National Health Service Corps site application open, April 16

The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) is a federal loan repayment and scholarship program that supports the primary, dental and mental health care workforces in areas with great need. In order for clinicians to receive an award, they must be working for an approved employer in a designated health professional shortage area. [You may search using your facility's address](#) to learn if you're located in a designated shortage area. The NHSC is accepting applications from interested employers.

Five reasons to consider becoming an NHSC site

New graduates are finishing with high debt loads (\$300,000 is not uncommon). Because of this, some candidates consider only sites that are participating in the loan repayment programs.

Being an approved NHSC site allows you to post your job openings on the [NHSC Jobs Center](#). Hundreds of candidates from across the country are on the site every day looking for positions.

NHSC site approval is good for three years before you have to recertify. The state loan repayment program requires an application every year.

In fiscal year 2013 the NHSC made 138 new and continuation awards in Washington State with a total value of \$4,430,047.

President Obama has proposed a large funding increase to the NHSC in fiscal year 2015 to help support the primary care workforce across the country. Being an approved site this year puts your clinicians in good position to receive an award next year should Congress greatly increase the appropriation.

For sites that have never been previously approved the application cycle is open now and will close June 16. [Read more information about the application process](#). (U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services site)

Previously approved sites that will expire in 2014 or that are inactive should apply during the NHSC site recertification application cycle, which is open Sept. 2-Nov. 3.

To learn more about the program and application process, [contact Renee Fullerton](#), 360-236-2814.