

Workforce Programs Available to Practitioners:

Name	Funding Source	Providers	Eligibility	Amount Available	More Information
National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Loan Repayment Program	Federally Funded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> US Citizen/National Licensed Primary Care Providers MD or DO (FM, IM, PED, OB-GYN, Geriatrics), NP, PA, CNM Mental Health Providers MD or DO (Psychiatry), LCSW, Psychiatric Nurse Specialist, Marriage and Family Counselor, Health Service Psychologist, Licensed Professional Counselor, Mental Health and Psychiatry NP, Mental Health and Psychiatry PA Dental Health Providers Dentist, Dental Hygienist 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qualified Educational Loans Must possess a current, full, permanent, unrestricted professional license before accepting an award Practice at an NHSC approved site 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site w/ HPSA Score of 14 or more: 2 years – up to \$50,000 Site with HPSA Score 0-13: 2 years – up to \$30,000 May be eligible for additional funding for extended services 	<p>The application cycle is open once per year. Check the website for details. http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loanrepayment/</p> <p>For more information, please see the Fact Sheet: http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/downloads/lrpataglance.pdf</p>
NHSC Scholarship Program	Federally Funded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committed to primary care and enrolled in an accredited US school in one of the primary care disciplines Physicians (MD or DO), Dentist, NPs, CNMs, PAs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upon graduation and completion of training (residency for physicians), must provide care at an NHSC-approved site in a medically underserved area One year of service for each year of support (minimum two years of service) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tax-free payment of tuition, required fees, other reasonable educational costs (books, lab fees) Monthly living stipend Assistance finding a job at a high-need, NHSC-approved site (HPSA score of 17) 	<p>The application cycle is open once per year. Check the website for details. http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/scholarships/</p> <p>For more information, please see the Fact Sheet: http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/scholarships/scholarshipataglance.pdf</p>
NURSE Corps Scholarship Program	Federally Funded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepted or enrolled in a nursing degree program at an accredited school in the United States (NP, ADN, BSN graduate, RN to BSN, RN to MSN-NP, direct entry MSN-NP) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upon graduation, must provide care at a Critical Shortage Facility (CSF); see website for details 2 year minimum service commitment for 1 to 2 years of support; 1 year additional service for each additional year of scholarship support (4 years maximum) Full-time is at least 32 hours per week for at least 45 weeks a year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding for tuition, required fees, and other reasonable costs Monthly living stipend 	<p>The application cycle is open once per year. Check the website for details. http://www.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/scholarships/Nursing/</p> <p>For more information, please see the Fact Sheet: http://www.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/scholarships/Nursing/facts.pdf</p>



<p>NURSE Corps Loan Repayment Program</p>	<p>Federally Funded</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has received baccalaureate or associate degree in nursing; Has current permanent unrestricted license as an RN in the State of which he/she intends to practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full time service (at least 32 hours) at a Critical Shortage Facility – disproportionate share hospitals, nursing homes, health departments, FQHCs, Public Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 60% of loan balance in exchange for 2 years service commitment 3rd year eligibility – receive an additional 25% of loan balance 	<p>The application cycle is open once per year. Check the website for details. http://www.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/repayment/nursing/</p> <p>For more information, please see the Fact Sheet: http://www.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/repayment/nursing/nursecorpsloanrepaymentfactsheet.pdf</p>
<p>Students-to-Service (S2S) Program</p>	<p>Federally Funded</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NHSC Approved Specialties MD or DO (IM, FM, PED, OB-GYN, Geriatrics, Psych) or dental (DDS or DMD) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enrolled full-time in last year of medical school Attending a fully accredited school A commitment to provide primary health care full time for at least 3 years at an approved NHSC site 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$120,000 for an initial 3 years of service, full-time \$120,000 for an initial 6 years of service, part-time 	<p>The application cycle is open once per year. Check the website for details. http://www.nhsc.hrsa.gov/loanrepayment/studentstoserviceprogram/</p>
<p>Rhode Island State Loan Repayment Program</p>	<p>Private and Federally Funded</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physicians MD or DO (FM, IM, PED, OB-GYN, Geriatrics, Psych), NP, RN, PA, CNM, Mental Health Providers (LCSW, Psychiatric Nurse Specialist, Marriage and Family Counselor, Health Service Psychologist, Licensed Professional Counselor), Dentists, Dental Hygienists, Pharmacists 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Licensed in RI Contract with a public or non-profit entity at an eligible site, including community health centers, rural health clinics, hospitals, and other non-profit healthcare facilities located in HPSAs Agency or practice must have a sliding fee scale or offer free care to patients unable to pay the usual fees Full-time direct patient contact 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to \$50,000 a year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications open December 15 Applications due 40 business days after opening Award recipients are notified in late March <p>http://health.ri.gov/programs/detail.php?pgm_id=179/</p>
<p>Rhode Island Student Loan Authority</p>	<p>Privately Funded</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New applications are accepted for Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must have outstanding educational debt, awards cannot exceed 50% of the candidate's level of debt Must have an average of 32 hours of direct patient care per week 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NPs and PAs: \$10,000 a year for up to 4 years 	<p>All applications must be submitted prior to beginning employment, and applications are accepted until funds are exhausted. https://www.risla.com/</p>



Other Information and Resources:

Resource	Website	Other Information
Rhode Island Health Center Association	www.rihca.org	Organization that works to support, sustain, and strengthen community health centers so they can provide high-quality, comprehensive care
Area Health Education Center (AHEC)	www.nationalahec.org www.northernriahec.org/main/ www.http://web.uri.edu/southernriahec/	The AHEC mission is to enhance access to quality health care, particularly primary and preventive care, by improving the supply and distribution of healthcare professionals via strategic partnerships with academic programs, communities, and professional organizations. There are AHECs for central, northern, and southern Rhode Island.
Rhode Island Medical Society	www.rimed.org	Rhode Island Medical Society is a voluntary association of physicians, physician assistants and medical students. It supports and advocates for all Rhode Island physicians in their efforts to provide the best possible care to their patients.
Rhode Island Quality Institute	www.riqi.org/matriarch/default.html	RIQI is a non-profit organization working to improve the healthcare system in Rhode Island through the collaboration of various community leaders.
Rhode Island Dental Association	www.ridental.org	Part of the American Dental Association, the RIDA is committed to improving the dental health of the public and promoting the art and science of dentistry.
Rhode Island State Nurses Association	www.risna.org	RISNA, a branch of the American Nurses Association, is dedicated to the promotion, advancement, and protection of nursing, thereby improving the quality of and access to health care in Rhode Island.
Health Professional Shortage Areas	www.hpsafind.hrsa.gov	Sites in HPSAs are often eligible for loan repayment and other assistance programs.
NHSC Job Opportunity List	www.nhscjobs.hrsa.gov/Search_HPOL.aspx	Job opportunities at NHSC-Approved Sites
NHSC Approved Site List	www.nhsc.hrsa.gov	NHSC-Approved Sites where practitioners may be able to receive loan repayment and/or scholarships while practicing there
J-1 Visa Waiver Program	www.health.ri.gov/programs/detail.php?pgm_id=155/	Program to increase access to primary health and mental healthcare in rural and urban communities that have shortages Contact: Jill D'Errico, Rhode Island Department of Health
National Rural Recruitment and Retention Network (3RNET)	https://www.3rnet.org/	3RNet is a national nonprofit network that works through its 53 members to help rural and underserved areas find health care professionals looking for jobs and health centers who are looking to employ Contact: Jill D'Errico, Rhode Island Department of Health

