



Mental Health Loan Repayment Recruitment Resources for Health Professional Shortage Areas in Wisconsin

	National Health Service Corps (NHSC) http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/index.html	Wisconsin Health Professions Loan Assistance (HPLAP) http://www.worh.org/hplap_info	NURSE Corps Loan Repayment Program http://www.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/repayment/nursing/
Eligible providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US citizen; full licensure; employed at NHSC site • Physicians — MD/DO (psychiatry) • Health service psychologists (HSP) • Licensed clinical social workers (LCSW) • Psychiatric nurse specialists (PNS) • Marriage and family therapists (MFT) • Licensed professional counselors (LPC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US citizen; WI license; employed or have employment offer • Physicians — MD/DO (psychiatry) • Nurse practitioner (NP) • Physician assistant (PA) <p>(NPs and PAs must have a mental health specialty)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US citizen, US national or lawful permanent resident • Full licensure for an RN • Appropriate bachelor's or master's degree in nursing • Employed as an RN
Eligible sites and requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Located in a high need mental health HPSA and become approved site • Employ provider full or part-time in outpatient care • Provide comprehensive outpatient care • Provide financial access to patients on Medicaid/Medicare/BadgerCare Plus or the uninsured on a discount fee schedule • Provide competitive salary, benefits, and malpractice coverage • Submit data reports to NHSC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federally designated mental health HPSAs in WI • Community primary care sites • Sites must be public or nonprofit agencies • Sites must serve Medicaid/Medicare/BadgerCare Plus and provide a sliding fee scale for persons with income less than 200% of federal poverty level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site must be deemed a public or nonprofit Critical Shortage Facility for nursing • Site must be located in a designated mental health HPSA • HPSA score may be factored into award preferences
Provider benefits and obligations	<p>All providers must commit to at least an initial 2-year obligation</p> <p>Full-time practice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to \$60,000 for 2 year service commitment in HPSAs ≥ 14 • Up to \$40,000 for 2 year service commitment in HPSAs ≤ 13 • Opportunity for 1-year extensions after initial service commitment is complete • Provide at least 21 hrs/wk in scheduled direct outpatient counseling • Awards exempt from federal taxes 	<p>All providers must commit to at least a 3-year obligation</p> <p>Full-time practice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to \$100,000 over 3 years • Funds disbursement: one third of the total award paid each year • Provide 32 clinic hrs/wk for 45 wks/yr • Awards exempt from federal and state taxes 	<p>All providers must commit to at least an initial 2-year obligation</p> <p>Full-time practice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 60% of qualifying loan balance for 2-year service commitment (30% of balance paid each year) • Up to 25% of qualifying loan balance for optional 3rd year commitment • 32 hrs/wk in direct patient care • Awards are subject to federal taxation
Application information & assistance	<p>Sites must be approved first. Application acceptance period and materials can be found at http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/sites/becomenhscapprovedsite/index.html</p> <p>Individual application cycles typically open Jan — March annually (but this time period may vary, interested persons should check website for most updated application information). Application must be completed online, directions can be found at http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loanrepayment/index.html</p> <p>For vacancy information or site assistance contact Traici Brockman in the WI Primary Care Office at (608) 267-1440 or Traici.brockman@dhs.wisconsin.gov</p>	<p>Applications are considered and awarded on a rolling basis, based on available funds.</p> <p>Application is submitted online and supplemental documentation to be mailed to WI Office of Rural Health. Directions can be found at http://www.worh.org/hplap_info</p> <p>For additional information contact Kevin Jacobson at (608) 261-1888 or (800) 385-0005 or Kmjacobson2@wisc.edu</p>	<p>For more information: Program homepage can be found at http://www.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/repayment/nursing/overview.html</p> <p>Application guidance can be found at http://www.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/repayment/nursing/guidance.pdf</p> <p>Toll-free (800) 221-9393</p>

For all programs: Providers cannot participate in more than one loan repayment program at a time. They may exhaust eligibility in one program and then apply to another. Providers cannot have any other competing service obligations while in a loan repayment program. Providers may not have any judgment liens against them from unpaid federal debt obligations. There is severe financial penalty for breach of contract.