



Family & Children's Counseling Services participates in the **National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Loan Repayment Program**. The purpose of the Loan Repayment Program is to recruit and retain physicians, nurses and behavioral health clinicians in eligible communities of need designated as Health Professional Shortage Areas.

### What are the benefits?

- **Up to \$50,000 in qualifying educational loan repayment in exchange for a 2-year full-time clinical practice service obligation** at a NHSC-approved service site that is designated as a Health Professional Shortage Area.
- **Up to \$25,000 in qualifying educational loan repayment in exchange for a 2-year half-time clinical practice service obligation** at a NHSC-approved service site that is designated as a Health Professional Shortage Area.
- By statute, NHSC Loan Repayment Program **funds are exempt from federal income and employment taxes**. Note that these funds are not included as wages when determining benefits under the Social Security Act.
- You will be providing vital behavioral health services to high need communities!

### Eligibility

The NHSC website provides greater detail on application eligibility requirements and a detailed list of the professional disciplines that qualify under the program.

Key requirements include:

- Licensed behavioral health professional with a qualified educational loan that led to your degree.
- Employed by, or have accepted a position at a NHSC approved site and commit to 2 years of service.

To learn more, visit <https://nhsc.hrsa.gov/>