

Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program (NELRP)



Program Description	Loan repayment assistance is available to registered nurses and advanced practice registered nurses, such as nurse practitioners, working in a Critical Shortage Facility OR nursing faculty employed by an accredited school of nursing. A Critical Shortage Facility is a health care facility located in, designated as, or serving a primary medical care or mental health Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA).
Financial Assistance	NELRP program participants receive 60 percent of their total outstanding qualifying educational loan balance incurred while pursuing an education in nursing for a 2-year service commitment. Qualifying NELRP participants may receive an additional 25 percent of their original loan balance for a third year of service. All awards are taxable.
Service Commitment	2-year minimum with an optional third year.
Eligibility Requirements	<p>To be eligible for loan repayment all applicants must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or lawful permanent resident; • Be a registered nurse, advanced practice registered nurse, such as a nurse practitioner, or nurse faculty with a diploma, associate's, bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree in nursing; • Be employed full-time (at least 32 hours per week) at a public or private, non-profit Critical Shortage Facility OR be employed full-time at an accredited, public or private, non-profit school of nursing; • Have completed the program for which the loan applies.
Where Participants Serve	<p>Nurse Faculty: Accredited, public or private, non-profit school of nursing</p> <p>Registered Nurses and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses: Public or private, non-profit Critical Shortage Facility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical Access Hospital • Disproportionate Share Hospital • Public Hospital • Federally Qualified Health Center • Indian Health Service Health Center • Native Hawaiian Health Center • Rural Health Clinic • Skilled Nursing Facility • State or Local Public Health or Human Services Department • Ambulatory Surgical Center • Home Health Agency • Hospice Program • Non-profit, Non-Disproportionate Share Hospital • Nursing Home <p>The health care facilities listed above are Critical Shortage Facilities only if they are located in, designated as, or serving a primary medical care or mental health HPSA.</p>
Funding Preference	<p>Nursing Faculty: Preference will be given to faculty with the greatest financial need and to faculty working at schools of nursing with at least 50 percent enrollment of students from a disadvantaged background.</p> <p>Registered Nurses and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses: Preference will be given to nurses based on the greatest financial need, the type of facility, and the mental health or primary care Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) designation.</p>
Web Site	www.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/repayment/nursing

