The program offers funding to registered nurses (RNs), advanced practice registered nurses, and nursing faculty for payment of their qualifying educational loans in exchange for a two-year service commitment at either a health care facility with a critical shortage of nurses or an eligible school of nursing in the case of nurse faculty.

**Financial Assistance**

NURSE Corps Loan Repayment Program participants receive 60 percent of their total outstanding qualifying educational loan balance incurred while pursuing an education in nursing in exchange for a 2-year service commitment. Qualifying participants may receive an additional 25 percent of their original loan balance for a third year of service.

**Service Commitment**

2-year minimum with an optional third year.

**Eligibility Requirements**

To be eligible for loan repayment, all applicants must:

- Be a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or lawful permanent resident;
- Have a current license to practice as a registered nurse and received 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 nonprofit Critical Shortage Facility OR be employed full time at an eligible, public or private nonprofit school of nursing;
- Have completed the education program for which the loan applies.

**Where Participants Serve**

- The health care facilities listed are Critical Shortage Facilities only if they are located in, designated as, or serving a primary medical care or mental health HPSA.
- Ineligible facilities include, but are not limited to private practice offices and clinics in prisons or correctional facilities.

**Funding Preference**

Nurse 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.

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.

**Tax Liability**

The full loan repayment award is taxable.

**Web Site**

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