

Nurse Loan Repayment Program (NLRP)

Program Description	The NLRP, a competitive state program, awards funding to qualifying licensed Missouri (MO) Registered and Advanced Practice Nurses for the repayment of eligible educational loans. Applicants must meet the qualifications associated with the program provisions and agree to practice in a MO underserved area, which is also referred to as a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA).
Eligible Disciplines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered Nurse (RN) • Advanced Practice Nurse (APN) • Nurse Practitioner (NP) • Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA) • Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP); or • A full-time student nurse in their final year in a MO approved school of nursing leading to a Bachelor of Science Degree or a graduate degree program leading to a Master’s Degree in Nursing.
Service Commitment (Obligation)	<p>NLRP recipients earn forgiveness on their loan award through a service obligation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 2-year service obligation. • Full-Time qualifying employment. • Contact the program if considering part-time employment, as an increase in the service obligation will apply.
Qualifying Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Obligation: Providing Direct Patient Care in MO HPSA. • Full-Time Employment: a minimum of 36 hours (40 hours preferred) with a minimum of 32 hours direct patient care. <p>Eligible Sites Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public or nonprofit agency, institution or organization in an area of defined need. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Any MO Hospital ▪ Outpatient Clinic ▪ Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) ▪ Rural Health Clinic (RHC) ▪ Local Public Health Agency (LPHA) ▪ State or Federal Prison (Public not Private)
Financial Benefits	<p>Loan repayment assistance for qualified educational debt.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$10,000.00 for eligible Registered Nurses (RN) • \$20,000.00 for eligible Advanced Practice Nurses (APN, NP, CRNA, FNP)
Tax Liability	Not taxable
Application Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. citizen (U.S. born or naturalized) or U.S. national • Licensed to practice in MO • Have qualifying educational debt: Unpaid government or commercial loans for school tuition, reasonable education expenses and reasonable living expenses, segregated from all other debts (not consolidated with non-educational loans) • Currently working or establishing an employment contract to serve in a MO HPSA • Cannot be under a current conflicting service obligation with the exception of service in the National Guard or military reserve.
Website	<p>https://health.mo.gov/living/families/primarycare/loanrepayment/</p> 