

## The Oregon Primary Care Office (PCO) offers the following services:

- **Technical assistance** to NHSC sites, communities, clinics, health care providers and others.
- **Data acquisition and analysis** to designate underserved areas and analyze health trends.
- **Information and policy analysis** to provide cohesion among government initiatives and analysis that informs policy.



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## Supporting Oregon's underserved communities

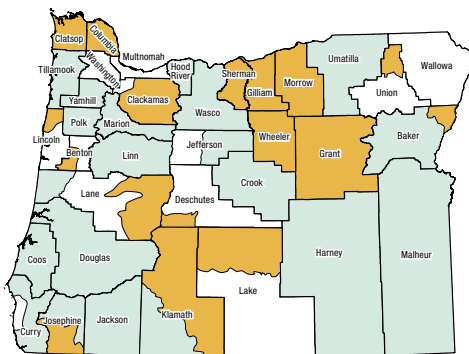
The PCO administers workforce recruiting programs, and coordinates with other workforce programs, to maximize their collective impact around the state, particularly in Oregon's underserved communities.

### Shortage area designations

Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) and Medically Underserved Areas (MUAs) are often eligible for programs that support health equity. The PCO provides support to communities applying for services as a HPSA, or wanting information about their designations.

### Oregon Primary Medical Care Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) Designations as of 10/27/2011

- Geographical HPSA    ● Population group HPSA (Low income, Migrant Farmworkers, Homeless)



### For more information:

[www.oregon.gov/OHA/OHPR/PCO/index.shtml#Designations](http://www.oregon.gov/OHA/OHPR/PCO/index.shtml#Designations)

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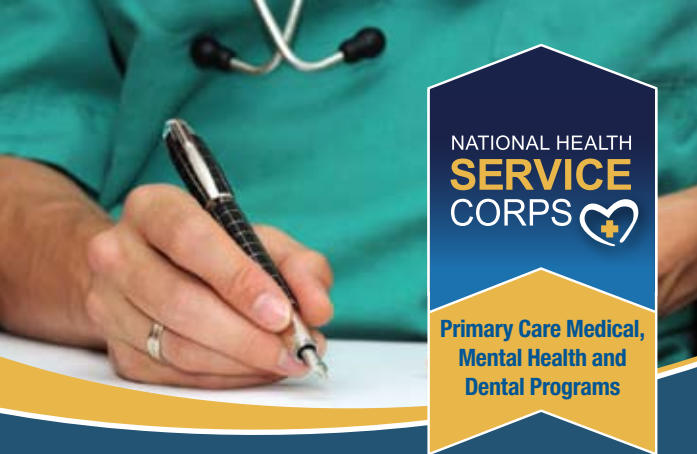
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## National Health Service Corps (NHSC)

The NHSC Loan Repayment and Scholarship programs offset the educational expenses of scholars and clinicians committed to practicing in underserved areas.

The Oregon Primary Care Office provides assistance to scholars and providers who wish to serve in the Corps, as well as current Corps members. The PCO also provides technical assistance and support to NHSC clinics as they become an NHSC-approved site ([nhsc.hrsa.gov/sites/index.html](http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/sites/index.html)) and participate in the program.

Multiple disciplines qualify for NHSC financial assistance and incentive programs. For more information, go to [nhsc.hrsa.gov](http://nhsc.hrsa.gov).

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## J-1 VISA Waiver Program

J-1 VISA waives the requirement that international students return home for two years after their fellowships or residencies — if they practice in a high-need area for three years.

Many primary care disciplines are eligible. Oregon has 30 available slots per year (October – September). Physicians are encouraged to apply early.

### For more information:

[www.oregon.gov/OHA/OHPR/PCO/index.shtml#Physician\\_Visa\\_Waiver\\_Program](http://www.oregon.gov/OHA/OHPR/PCO/index.shtml#Physician_Visa_Waiver_Program)

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## Oregon Healthcare Workforce Liaison (OHWL) Network

The PCO is piloting an online network to improve information sharing and coordination about the health care workforce across the state. Health care training and workforce programs, health care students and professionals, and practice sites are encouraged to join this online network by emailing the OHWL webspace.

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## Collaborating for results

The PCO is proud to partner with other organizations that share a commitment to health equity and access:

- Oregon Office of Rural Health
- Oregon Primary Care Association
- Oregon Healthcare Workforce Institute
- Oregon Area Health Education Centers
- U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration



### For more information about these organizations:

[www.oregon.gov/OHA/OHPR/PCO/index.shtml#Workforce\\_Partner\\_Resources](http://www.oregon.gov/OHA/OHPR/PCO/index.shtml#Workforce_Partner_Resources)

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## Health equity and cultural competency

The PCO serves as a key advocate for local workforce solutions around the state. Technical assistance is available to increase the capacity of safety-net clinics to serve a culturally diverse range of people, and optimize health outcomes for all.

**For assistance, please contact the PCO's partner, the Office of Equity and Inclusion at 503-884-4448.**