

The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Oregon Fact Sheet



For further information about the NHSC: <http://nhsc.hrsa.gov>

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NHSC Facts:

- The NHSC was created in 1972 in response to a growing national primary care physician shortage.
- The program places medical, dental and mental health providers in underserved areas where populations have limited access to healthcare. In exchange, **providers receive loan repayment for qualified education loans and have the opportunity to provide needed care to underserved patients in Oregon.**
- Providers are placed based on rankings of the determined need of a geographic area, a facility or a population group—a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) score.
- Types of sites that can apply to become an NHSC site include Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Centers, Critical Access Hospitals, Indian Health Service facilities, private practices and correctional facilities.

Oregon NHSC Statistics:

- Number of loan repayment participants currently practicing: **175**
- Number of scholar participants: **11**
- Total number of loan repayment participants placed in Oregon since 2000: **411**
- Total number of scholars awarded in Oregon since 2000: **72**
- Total amount of federal NHSC loan repayment dollars given to clinicians since 2000: **More than \$24 million**
- Total amount of dollars allocated to scholars since 2008: **More than \$4.5 million**
- Number of NHSC approved sites with clinicians currently serving at them: **102**
- Number of counties with clinicians serving in them: **29**
- Number of NHSC approved sites in Oregon: **281**
- Number of sites with reported vacancies in Oregon: **35**
- Number of positions listed as vacant in Oregon: **98**

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