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The Virginia Community Healthcare Association Recruitment Services Newsletter Fall 2010

Clinician Student Loan Repayment Money Available – Tax Free!

The National Health Service Corps (NHSC), through scholarship and loan repayment programs, helps clinicians pay for their medical training in return for service in a Community Health Center (CHC). And the money received is tax-free!

The loan repayment program recruits clinicians just completing training as well as seasoned professionals. Nearly 80% stay in the underserved area after fulfilling the NHSC service commitment; more than half make a career of working in a CHC. More than 30,000 clinicians have served in the Corps, bringing high quality health care to places and people without access to basic services. Last year, about 3,500 NHSC providers cared for 4 million people — changing their own and their patients' lives.

In Virginia there are over 122 NHSC jobs available. Loan repayment opportunities are available for a variety of health care provider positions including primary care physicians (MDs or DOs, encompassing Family Practice, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, OB/GYN, and Psychiatry), as well as family nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, physician assistants, dentists, dental hygienists, and certain mental health professionals. Part-time Loan Repayment is available for clinicians working less than full-time but 20 hours or more per week. Loan repayment relieves some of the staggering debt burden many health professionals face, freeing them to take a career path that may be less financially lucrative, but infinitely more rewarding.

The NHSC Loan Repayment Program offers \$50,000, tax-free, to repay student loans in exchange for 2 years of service in an underserved area. After 2 years, loan repayors may apply for additional years of support. In 2011, \$290M in NHSC monies is available and in 2012 \$295M will be available. Funding will increase by \$5M each year going forward through 2015. The maximum loan repayment during the initial 2-year contract is \$50,000. With additional service, clinicians could receive:

- Up to \$85,000 in Loan Repayment for a total of 3 years of service.
- Up to \$120,000 in Loan Repayment for a total of 4 years of service.
- Up to \$145,000 in Loan Repayment for a total of 5 years of service.
- Up to \$165,000 in Loan Repayment for a total of 6 years of service.
- For the 7th year+, a clinician could receive up to an additional \$15,000 for each year of service.

For more details, see the NHSC website at: <http://nhsc.hrsa.gov>

Community Health Centers - The Perfect Place to Practice Medicine!



Current Clinical Vacancies (as of September 7, 2010) include:

- **Medical Directors** – 2 vacancies in Central Virginia and the Blue Ridge foothills. Positions involve patient practice as well as administration. Requires 5+ years experience including health care administration.
- **Family Practitioners** – 20+ vacancies including urban, rural and suburban sites in Central Virginia, Roanoke, Lynchburg, Tidewater, on the Eastern Shore, in Southern Virginia, rural Southwest Virginia and the DC metro area / Maryland
- **Internal Medicine Practitioners** – 5 openings on the Eastern Shore, in the Blue Ridge foothills, Central Virginia, rural Southwest Virginia and urban Maryland
- **Pediatricians** – 5 vacancies including sites in northern Virginia and Maryland, Tidewater, Lynchburg, the West Virginia mountains and on the Eastern Shore. Requires 2-5 years experience. Spanish skills required for some positions.
- **Pediatric Nurse Practitioner** – 2 positions in southern Virginia and the Blue Ridge Mountains
- **Family Nurse Practitioners** – 3 openings on the Eastern Shore, in Lynchburg, and the West Virginia mountains
- **Psychiatrists** – 2 openings including greater Baltimore and rural Southwest Virginia
- **Dentists** – 2 vacancies in southern Virginia and metro Maryland; require 3+ years minimum experience

Our Practices Offer

- Competitive Compensation
- Comprehensive Benefits
- Loan Repayment Opportunities
- Malpractice Insurance at No Cost
- 40-Hour Work Week
- Predominantly Outpatient Settings
- State-of-the-art Facilities and Equipment
- Continuing Medical Education Including Time-off and Expenses
- Support Staff, Freeing You to Focus on Patient Care
- No Financial Buy-in Required
- Community Involvement and Impact
- Lifestyle of Your Choice – Rural or Urban

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