

West Virginia Financial Incentive Programs for Health Science Professions



This document was created to inform health science students about the many financial incentives they may qualify for. It divides programs by discipline and provides a general overview of each program. The table of contents below shows you which pages each discipline’s programs can be found on. Some programs listed cannot be served concurrently with other health science programs. These programs are highlighted in yellow. If you have any questions, please contact:

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West Virginia Financial Incentive Programs for Physicians

Eligible	Program	Amount	Requirements	Contact
Medical students with financial needs who intend to practice in one of the following approved disciplines in an underserved area in WV: Family medicine General Obstetrics & gynecology General Internal medicine General Pediatrics Adult or Child Psychiatry	Medical Student Loan Program (MSLP)	Up to \$10,000/year in loan forgiveness for four years.	Must practice in a qualifying medically underserved area in WV for each year of loan forgiveness.	Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine Kourtney Sandefur sandefur@marshall.edu West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine financialaid@osteo.wvsom.edu West Virginia University School of Medicine hscfinaid@mail.wvu.edu
4 th -year medical students who intend to practice in primary care approved within underserved locations or emergency medicine	Health Sciences Service Program (HSSP)	\$30,000 towards loan repayment.	Participants must match with primary care or emergency medicine residency in WV. Must practice for two years full-time or four years half-time. Primary care participants must practice in an outpatient setting in an underserved area. Emergency medicine participants must practice in a hospital-based emergency room.	Michelle Ruppert, WVHEPC HSSP@wvhepc.edu 
2 nd , 3 rd , and 4 th -year medical students with an interest in family medicine	Educational Seed for Physicians (ESP)	\$5,000/year for up to three years.	Must practice for two years in West Virginia in Family Medicine; one year if the award was received during the 4 th year of medical school. Students can apply for both ESP and Tully but only one scholarship will be granted.	Johnna Gaunch Family Medicine Foundation of WV 304.733.6485 Fam.med.foundation@citynet.net 

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<p>3rd and 4th-year medical students with an interest in family medicine</p>	<p>Tully Fund</p>	<p>\$5,000/year for up to two years.</p>	<p>Must practice for two years in West Virginia in Family Medicine; one year if the award was received during the 4th year of medical school.</p> <p>Students can apply for both ESP and Tully but only one scholarship will be granted.</p>	<p>Johnna Gaunch Family Medicine Foundation of WV 304.733.6485 Fam.med.foundation@citynet.net</p> 
<p>Medical students in any year of school</p>	<p>National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Scholarship Program</p>	<p>The scholarship pays tuition, fees, and other educational costs, and provides a living stipend.</p>	<p>Service begins upon graduation and completion of a primary care residency program at an NHSC-approved site in an underserved area.</p>	<p>Heather Tolley, WV DHHR 304.558.4382 Heather.N.Tolley@wv.gov</p> 
<p>Medical students in their last year of school.</p>	<p>NHSC Students to Service Program</p>	<p>Up to \$120,000 in loan repayment.</p>	<p>Commitment to provide primary health care full-time for at least three years (\$60,000 for at least six years half-time) at an approved NHSC site in an HPSA* with a score of 14 or higher. Can seek a waiver for half-time practice.</p>	<p>Heather Tolley, WV DHHR 304.558.4382 Heather.N.Tolley@wv.gov</p> 
<p>Primary care residents and physicians</p>	<p>Recruitment and Retention Community Project (RRCP)</p>	<p>Up to \$20,000 per year for four years in loan repayment. The practice site applies on behalf of the provider and must match the state with at least 50% of funding. (\$80,000 max).</p>	<p>Must practice one year in a rural, underserved area of WV for each year of funding.</p>	<p>Brandon Carman, WV DHHR 304.558.4382 Brandon.K.Carman@wv.gov</p> 
<p>Primary care physicians</p>	<p>NHSC Loan Repayment Program</p>	<p>Full-time track: Initial award of up to either \$50,000 (HPSA of 14 or higher) or \$30,000 (HPSA below 14) in loan repayment.</p>	<p>Two years of full-time or two years of half-time clinical practice at an NHSC-approved site in an HPSA.</p>	<p>Heather Tolley, WV DHHR 304.558.4382 Heather.N.Tolley@wv.gov</p>

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		Half-time track: Initial award of up to either \$25,000 (HPSA of 14 or higher) or \$15,000 (HPSA below 14) in loan repayment.		
Primary care or psychiatry physicians	NHSC Rural Community Loan Repayment Program	Full-time track: up to \$100,000 in loan repayment for three years of full-time practice. Half-time track: up to \$50,000 in loan repayment for three years in half-time practice	Three years of full-time or half-time clinical practice at a rural NHSC-approved SUD treatment facility that is located in a Mental Health or Primary Care HPSA.	Heather Tolley, WV DHHR 304.558.4382 Heather.N.Tolley@wv.gov 
Primary care or psychiatry physicians	NHSC Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Program	Full-time track: up to \$75,000 in loan repayment for three years of full-time practice. Half-time track: up to \$37,500 in loan repayment for three years of half-time practice.	Three years of full-time or half-time clinical practice at an NHSC-approved service site that provides SUD treatment and is located in a Mental Health or Primary Care HPSA.	Heather Tolley, WV DHHR 304.558.4382 Heather.N.Tolley@wv.gov 
Primary care physicians	State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)	\$40,000 in loan repayment for a two-year commitment. \$25,000 per year for up to an additional two years.	Must practice full-time in an HPSA, which includes FQHCs** and FQHC look-alikes for the initial \$40,000 award. For each additional year funded, must practice one year.	Brandon Carman, WV DHHR 304.558.4382 Brandon.K.Carman@wv.gov 

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West Virginia Financial Incentive Programs for Nurse Practitioners, Nurse Educators, & other Nursing Professionals

Eligible	Program	Amount	Service Obligation	Contact
Students in their final year of a graduate or doctoral nursing program who intend to practice as a nurse practitioner	Health Sciences Service Program (HSSP)	\$15,000 for loan repayment.	Two years of full-time or four years of half-time practice in an outpatient primary care setting in an underserved area of the state.	Michelle Ruppert, WVHEPC HSSP@wvhepc.edu 
Nurses employed as an educator in WV schools and enrolled in a nursing master's program or a doctoral nursing or education program	Nursing Scholarship Program	Up to \$15,000 per year in scholarship. The average award is \$4,000 per semester.	Two years teaching in a WV school of nursing.	Jordyn Reed, WV Center for Nursing 304.558.0838 jordyn.reed@wvhepd.edu 
Students accepted to or enrolled in a fully accredited training program for nurse-midwifery or nurse practitioners	National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Scholarship Program	The scholarship pays tuition, fees, and other educational costs, and provides a living stipend.	Length of obligation depends on the number of years while in school the student received the scholarship. Service obligation must be completed at a site with an HPSA* score of 14 or higher. Can seek a waiver for half-time practice.	Heather Tolley, WV DHHR 304.558.4382 Heather.N.Tolley@wv.gov 

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<p>Students enrolled/accepted for enrollment in a training program for graduate nurse-practitioners</p>	<p>NURSE Corps</p>	<p>Tuition, eligible fees, other reasonable costs (books, clinical supplies/instruments, uniforms, etc.), and monthly stipend (\$1,330/month).</p>	<p>Service sites include inpatient and outpatient sites (broader than most other programs). Length of obligation depends on the number of years while in school the student received the scholarship.</p>	<p>Heather Tolley, WV DHHR 304.558.4382 Heather.N.Tolley@wv.gov</p> 
<p>*Must Already be practicing* Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner</p>	<p>Mental Health Loan Repayment Program</p>	<p>\$10,000 for loan repayment</p>	<p>Practice one-year full-time or two years part-time in an underserved area in West Virginia.</p>	<p>Michelle Ruppert, WV HEPC 304.558.0530 BehaviorHealth@wvhepc.edu</p> 
<p>Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner</p>	<p>Statewide Therapist Loan Repayment Project (STLR)</p>	<p>Award of up to \$20,000 of repayment of eligible student loan expenses.</p>	<p>Two years of full-time service at a qualified facility in the state of West Virginia.</p>	<p>Steven Little, WV DHHR 859.391.0336 Steven.A.Little@wv.gov</p> 
<p>Nurse practitioners and nurse midwives</p>	<p>Recruitment and Retention Community Project (RRCP)</p>	<p>Up to \$20,000 per year for four years in loan repayment. The practice site applies on behalf of the provider and must match the state with at least 50% of funding. (\$80,000 max).</p>	<p>One year of full-time clinical practice in a rural underserved area of WV for each year of funding.</p>	<p>Brandon Carman, WV DHHR 304.558.4382 Brandon.K.Carman@wv.gov</p> 
<p>Nurse practitioners or certified nurse midwives in practice</p>	<p>State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)</p>	<p>\$40,000 in loan repayment for a two-year commitment. \$25,000 per year for up to an additional two years.</p>	<p>Must practice full-time in an HPSA*, which includes FQHCs** and FQHC look-alikes for the initial \$40,000 award. For each additional year funded, must practice one year.</p>	<p>Brandon Carman, WV DHHR 304.558.4382 Brandon.K.Carman@wv.gov</p> 

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<p>Nurse practitioners or certified midwives in practice</p>	<p>NHSC Loan Repayment Program</p>	<p>Full-time track: initial award of up to either \$50,000 or \$30,000 (depends on the location of the practice site) in loan repayment.</p> <p>Half-time track: initial award of up to either \$25,000 or \$15,000 (depends on the location of practice site) in loan repayment.</p>	<p>Two years of full-time or two years of half-time clinical practice at an NHSC-approved site in an HPSA.</p>	<p>Heather Tolley, WV DHHR 304.558.4382 Heather.N.Tolley@wv.gov</p> 
<p>Nurse practitioners in primary care or mental health and psychiatry specialties or Nurse midwives in primary care</p>	<p>NHSC Rural Community Loan Repayment Program</p>	<p>Full-time track: up to \$100,000 in loan repayment for three years of full-time practice.</p> <p>Half-time track: up to \$50,000 in loan repayment for three years in half-time practice.</p>	<p>Three years of full-time or half-time clinical practice at a rural NHSC-approved SUD treatment facility that is located in a Mental Health or Primary Care HPSA.</p>	<p>Heather Tolley, WV DHHR 304.558.4382 Heather.N.Tolley@wv.gov</p> 
<p>Nurse practitioners in primary care or mental health and psychiatry; Nurse midwives in primary care</p>	<p>NHSC Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Program</p>	<p>Full-time track: up to \$75,000 in loan repayment for three years of full-time practice.</p> <p>Half-time track: up to \$37,500 in loan repayment for three years of half-time practice.</p>	<p>Three years of full-time or half-time clinical practice at an NHSC-approved service site that provides SUD treatment and is located in a Mental Health or Primary Care HPSA.</p>	<p>Heather Tolley, WV DHHR 304.558.4382 Heather.N.Tolley@wv.gov</p> 

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West Virginia Financial Incentive Programs for Dentists


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Students in the final year of a dentistry program	Health Sciences Service Program (HSSP)	\$30,000 for loan repayment.	Practice full-time for two years or half-time for four years in an underserved area.	Michelle Ruppert, WVHEPC HSSP@wvhepc.edu 
Students accepted to or enrolled in a fully accredited training program for dentistry	National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Scholarship Program	Tuition, fees, and other educational costs, and provides a living stipend.	Recipients must commit to working at least two years at an approved outpatient facility in an underserved area.	Heather Tolley, WV DHHR 304.558.4382 Heather.N.Tolley@wv.gov 
Dentists (DMD/DDS)	Recruitment and Retention Community Project (RRCP)	Up to \$20,000 per year for four years in loan repayment. The practice site applies on behalf of the provider and must match the state with at least 50% of funding. (\$80,000 max).	Must practice one year in a rural underserved area of WV for each year of funding.	Brandon Carman, WV DHHR 304.558.4382 Brandon.K.Carman@wv.gov 
Dentists (DMD/DDS)	State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)	\$40,000 in loan repayment for a two-year commitment. \$25,000 per year for up to an additional two years.	Must practice in an HPSA*, which includes FQHCs** and look-alikes.	Brandon Carman, WV DHHR 304.558.4382 Brandon.K.Carman@wv.gov 

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Dentists (DMD/DDS)	NHSC Loan Repayment Program	<p>Full-time track: initial award of up to either \$50,000 or \$30,000 (depends on the location of the practice site) in loan repayment.</p> <p>Half-time track: initial award of up to either \$25,000 or \$15,000 (depends on the location of practice site) in loan repayment.</p>	Two years of full-time or two years of half-time clinical practice at an NHSC-approved site in an HPSA.	<p>Heather Tolley, WV DHHR 304.558.4382 Heather.N.Tolley@wv.gov</p> 
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West Virginia Financial Incentive Programs for Occupational Therapists





Eligible	Program	Amount	Requirements	Contact
Students in the final year of a master's or doctoral occupational therapy program	Health Sciences Service Program (HSSP)	\$15,000 for loan repayment.	Practice full-time for two years or half-time for four years in an underserved area.	Michelle Ruppert, WVHEPC HSSP@wvhepc.edu 

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West Virginia Financial Incentive Programs for Pharmacists





Eligible	Program	Amount	Requirements	Contact
Students in the final year of a doctoral pharmacy program	Health Sciences Service Program (HSSP)	\$15,000 for loan repayment.	Practice full-time for two years or half-time for four years in an underserved area.	Michelle Ruppert, WVHEPC HSSP@wvhepc.edu 
Pharmacists	State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)	\$40,000 in loan repayment for a two-year commitment. \$25,000 per year for up to an additional two years.	Must practice full-time in an HPSA*, which includes FQHCs** and FQHC look-alikes for the initial \$40,000 award. For each additional year funded, must practice one year.	Brandon Carman, 304.558.4382 Brandon.K.Carman@wv.gov 
Pharmacists	National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Rural Community Loan Repayment Program	Full-time track: up to \$100,000 in loan repayment for three years of full-time practice. Half-time track: up to \$50,000 in loan repayment for three years in half-time practice.	Three years of full-time or half-time clinical practice at a rural NHSC-approved SUD treatment facility that is located in a Mental Health or Primary Care HPSA.	Heather Tolley, WV DHHR 304.558.4382 Heather.N.Tolley@wv.gov 
Pharmacists	NHSC Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Program	Full-time track: up to \$75,000 in loan repayment for three years of full-time Half-time track up to \$37,500 in loan repayment for three years of half-time practice.	Three years of full-time or half-time clinical practice at an NHSC-approved service site that provides SUD treatment and is located in a Mental Health or Primary Care HPSA.	Heather Tolley, WV DHHR 304.558.4382 Heather.N.Tolley@wv.gov 

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West Virginia Financial Incentive Programs for Physician Assistants

Eligible	Program	Amount	Requirements	Contact
Students in the final year of a physician assistant program	Health Sciences Service Program (HSSP)	\$15,000 for loan repayment.	Practice full-time for two years or half-time for four years in an underserved area.	Michelle Ruppert, WVHEPC HSSP@wvhepc.edu 
Students accepted to or enrolled in a fully accredited training program for physician assistants	National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Scholarship Program	Tuition, fees, and other educational costs, and provides a living stipend.	Recipients must commit to working for at least two years at an approved outpatient facility in an underserved area.	Heather Tolley, WV DHHR 304.558.4382 Heather.N.Tolley@wv.gov 
Physician assistants	Recruitment and Retention Community Project (RRCP)	Up to \$20,000 per year for four years in loan repayment. The practice site applies on behalf of the provider and must match the state with at least 50% of funding. (\$80,000 max).	Must practice one year in a rural underserved area of WV for each year of funding.	Brandon Carman, WV DHHR 304.558.4382 Brandon.K.Carman@wv.gov 
Physician assistants	State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)	Up to \$40,000 for the initial two-year commitment. Applicants may apply for an additional two years at the rate of \$25,000 per year.	Must practice full-time in an HPSA*, which includes FQHCs** and FQHC look-alikes for the initial \$40,000 award. For each additional year funded, must practice one year.	Brandon Carman, WV DHHR 304.558.4382 Brandon.K.Carman@wv.gov 

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<p>Primary care physician assistants</p>	<p>NHSC Loan Repayment Program</p>	<p>Full-time track: initial award of up to either \$50,000 or \$30,000 (depends on the location of the practice site) in loan repayment.</p> <p>Half-time track: initial award of up to either \$25,000 or \$15,000 (depends on the location of practice site) in loan repayment.</p>	<p>Two years of full-time or two years of half-time clinical practice at an NHSC-approved site in an HPSA.</p>	<p>Heather Tolley, WV DHHR 304.558.4382 Heather.N.Tolley@wv.gov</p> 
<p>Primary care or mental health and psychiatry physician assistants</p>	<p>NHSC Rural Community Loan Repayment Program</p>	<p>Full-time track: up to \$100,000 in loan repayment for three years of full-time practice.</p> <p>Half-time track: up to \$50,000 in loan repayment for three years in half-time practice.</p>	<p>Three years of full-time or half-time clinical practice at a rural NHSC-approved SUD treatment facility that is located in a Mental Health or Primary Care HPSA.</p>	<p>Heather Tolley, WV DHHR 304.558.4382 Heather.N.Tolley@wv.gov</p> 
<p>Primary care or mental health and psychiatry physician assistants</p>	<p>NHSC Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Program</p>	<p>Full-time track: up to \$75,000 in loan repayment for three years of full-time practice.</p> <p>Half-time track: up to \$37,500 in loan repayment for three years of half-time practice.</p>	<p>Three years of full-time or half-time clinical practice at an NHSC-approved service site that provides SUD treatment and is located in a Mental Health or Primary Care HPSA.</p>	<p>Heather Tolley, WV DHHR 304.558.4382 Heather.N.Tolley@wv.gov</p> 

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West Virginia Financial Incentive Programs for Physical Therapists




Eligible	Program	Amount	Requirements	Contact
Students in the final year of a doctoral physical therapy program	Health Sciences Service Program (HSSP)	\$15,000 for loan repayment.	Practice full-time for two years or half-time for four years in an underserved area.	Michelle Ruppert, WVHEPC HSSP@wvhepc.edu 

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West Virginia Financial Incentive Programs for Clinical Psychologists

Eligible	Program	Amount	Requirements	Contact
Students in the final year (pre-internship year) of a doctoral clinical psychology program	Health Sciences Service Program (HSSP)	\$15,000 for loan repayment.	Practice full-time for two years or half-time for four years in an underserved area.	Michelle Ruppert, WVHEPC HSSP@wvhepc.edu 
Must already be licensed and working as one of the following: Licensed doctoral clinical psychologist; (Psy.D) Master's level licensed psychologist (Psy. MA)	Mental Health Loan Repayment Program	\$10,000 for loan repayment	Practice one-year full-time or two years part-time in an underserved area in West Virginia.	Michelle Ruppert, WV HEPC 304.558.0530 BehaviorHealth@wvhepc.edu 
Licensed doctoral clinical psychologist; (Psy.D) Master's level licensed psychologist (Psy. MA)	Statewide Therapist Loan Repayment Project (STLR)	Award of up to \$20,000 of repayment of eligible student loan expenses.	Two years of full-time service at a qualified facility in the state of West Virginia.	Steven Little, WV DHHR 304.400.9575 Steven.A.Little@wv.gov 

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<p>Licensed professional counselors or health service psychologists</p>	<p>National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Loan Repayment Program</p>	<p>Full-time track: initial award of up to either \$50,000 or \$30,000 (depends on the location of the practice site) in loan repayment.</p> <p>Half-time track: initial award of up to either \$25,000 or \$15,000 (depends on the location of practice site) in loan repayment.</p>	<p>Two years of full-time or two years of half-time clinical practice at an NHSC-approved site in an HPSA.</p>	<p>Heather Tolley, WV DHHR 304.558.4382 Heather.N.Tolley@wv.gov</p> 
<p>Health service psychologists</p>	<p>NHSC Rural Community Loan Repayment Program</p>	<p>Full-time track: up to \$100,000 in loan repayment for three years of full-time practice.</p> <p>Half-time track: up to \$50,000 in loan repayment for three years in half-time practice.</p>	<p>Three years of full-time or half-time clinical practice at a rural NHSC-approved SUD treatment facility that is located in a Mental Health or Primary Care HPSA.</p>	<p>Heather Tolley, WV DHHR 304.558.4382 Heather.N.Tolley@wv.gov</p> 
<p>Health service psychologists</p>	<p>NHSC Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Program</p>	<p>Full-time track: up to \$75,000 in loan repayment for three years of full-time practice.</p> <p>Half-time track: up to \$37,500 in loan repayment for three years of half-time practice.</p>	<p>Three years of full-time or half-time clinical practice at an NHSC-approved service site that provides SUD treatment and is located in a Mental Health or Primary Care HPSA.</p>	<p>Heather Tolley, WV DHHR 304.558.4382 Heather.N.Tolley@wv.gov</p> 

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West Virginia Financial Incentive Programs for Public Health Practitioners




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Students in the final year of a master's in public health program	Health Sciences Service Program (HSSP)	\$15,000 for loan repayment.	Practice full-time for two years or half-time for four years in an underserved area.	Michelle Ruppert, WVHEPC HSSP@wvhepc.edu 

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Students in the final year of a master's in social work program	Health Sciences Service Program (HSSP)	\$15,000 for loan repayment.	Practice full-time for two years or half-time for four years in an underserved area.	Michelle Ruppert, WVHEPC HSSP@wvhepc.edu 
Must already be licensed and working as one of the following: Licensed independent clinical social worker. (LICSW) Licensed certified social worker. (LCSW)	Mental Health Loan Repayment Program	\$10,000 for loan repayment	Practice one-year full-time or two years part-time in an underserved area in West Virginia.	Michelle Ruppert, WV HEPC 304.558.0530 BehaviorHealth@wvhepc.edu 
Students in the final year of a master's in social work program Licensed Graduate Social Workers (LGSW) Licensed Certified Social Workers (LCSW) Licensed Independent Clinical Social Workers (LICSW)	Statewide Therapist Loan Repayment Project (STLR)	Award of up to \$20,000 of repayment of eligible student loan expenses.	Two years of full-time service at a qualified facility in the state of West Virginia.	Steven Little, WV DHHR 859.391.0336 Steven.A.Little@wv.gov 

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<p>Clinical social workers</p>	<p>NHSC Loan Repayment Program</p>	<p>Full-time track: initial award of up to either \$50,000 or \$30,000 (depends on the location of the practice site) in loan repayment.</p> <p>Half-time track: initial award of up to either \$25,000 or \$15,000 (depends on the location of practice site) in loan repayment.</p>	<p>Two years of full-time or two years of half-time clinical practice at an NHSC-approved site in an HPSA.</p>	<p>Heather Tolley, WV DHHR 304.558.4382 Heather.N.Tolley@wv.gov</p> 
<p>Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW)¹</p>	<p>NHSC Rural Community Loan Repayment Program</p>	<p>Full-time track: up to \$100,000 in loan repayment for three years of full-time practice.</p> <p>Half-time track: up to \$50,000 in loan repayment for three years in half-time practice.</p>	<p>Three years of full-time or half-time clinical practice at a rural NHSC-approved SUD treatment facility that is located in a Mental Health or Primary Care HPSA.</p>	<p>Heather Tolley, WV DHHR 304.558.4382 Heather.N.Tolley@wv.gov</p> 
<p>Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW)¹</p>	<p>NHSC Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Program</p>	<p>Full-time track: up to \$75,000 in loan repayment for three years of full-time practice.</p> <p>Half-time track: up to \$37,500 in loan repayment for three years of half-time practice.</p>	<p>Three years of full-time or half-time clinical practice at an NHSC-approved service site that provides SUD treatment and is located in a Mental Health or Primary Care HPSA.</p>	<p>Heather Tolley, WV DHHR 304.558.4382 Heather.N.Tolley@wv.gov</p> 
<p>¹ The requirements of these programs make it unclear if LCSWs would be eligible or if they would require a LICSW credential and training. Please contact us if you would like more information.</p>				

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West Virginia Financial Incentive Programs for Counselors

Eligible	Program	Amount	Requirements	Contact
<p>Must already be licensed and working as one of the following: Licensed professional counselor. (LPC) Licensed marriage and family therapist. (LMFT)</p>	<p>Mental Health Loan Repayment Program</p>	<p>\$10,000 for loan repayment</p>	<p>Practice one-year full-time or two years part-time in an underserved area in West Virginia.</p>	<p>Michelle Ruppert, WV HEPC 304.558.0530 BehaviorHealth@wvhepc.edu</p> 
<p>Licensed professional counselor. (LPC)</p>	<p>Statewide Therapist Loan Repayment Project (STLR)</p>	<p>Award of up to \$20,000 of repayment of eligible student loan expenses.</p>	<p>Two years of full-time service at a qualified facility in the state of West Virginia.</p>	<p>Steven Little, WV DHHR 859.391.0336 Steven.A.Little@wv.gov</p> 
<p>Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC) Marriage and Family Therapists (MFT)</p>	<p>National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Loan Repayment Program</p>	<p>Full-time track: initial award of up to either \$50,000 or \$30,000 (depends on the location of the practice site) in loan repayment. Half-time track: initial award of up to either \$25,000 or \$15,000 (depends on the location of practice site) in loan repayment.</p>	<p>Two years of full-time or two years of half-time clinical practice at an NHSC-approved site in an HPSA*.</p>	<p>Heather Tolley, WV DHHR 304.558.4007 Heather.N.Tolley@wv.gov</p> 

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<p>Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC)</p> <p>Health Service Psychologists (HSP)</p>	<p>NHSC Loan Repayment Program</p>	<p>Full-time track: initial award of up to either \$50,000 or \$30,000 (depends on the location of the practice site) in loan repayment.</p> <p>Half-time track: initial award of up to either \$25,000 or \$15,000 (depends on the location of practice site) in loan repayment.</p>	<p>Two years of full-time or two years of half-time clinical practice at an NHSC-approved site in an HPSA.</p>	<p>Heather Tolley, WV DHHR 304.558.4007 Heather.N.Tolley@wv.gov</p> 

¹A provider's license or certification to practice SUD counseling must meet national standards as recognized by either the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC); NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals; or the International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC).