

2010 Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program

Applications accepted until 5:30 PM ET on March 4, 2010

Purpose of the Program

The Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program (NELRP) assists in the recruitment and retention of professional Registered Nurses (RNs) in facilities with a critical nursing shortage. NELRP encourages practice in these facilities by decreasing economic barriers associated with the rising cost of obtaining a nursing degree. The program offers RNs economic assistance through educational loan repayment in exchange for full-time service at a health care facility with a critical shortage of nurses.

Who is Eligible?

Nurses who meet the following criteria:

- Hold a degree in nursing (associate, baccalaureate or graduate level);
- Have outstanding educational loans (nursing loans only);
- Is a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or lawful permanent resident of the United States;
- Is employed full-time (32 hours or more per week) at a critical shortage facility; and
- Have a current permanent unrestricted license as an RN in the State in which he/she intends to practice.

Eligibility requirements:

www.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/repayment/nursing

What are the Benefits of NELRP?

- **Service** - Participants will join thousands of RNs across the country that have benefited from NELRP and continue to practice at Critical Shortage Facilities.
- **Loan Repayment** - NELRP provides funds to program participants to repay a portion of their outstanding qualifying nursing education loans.
 - For each of the first 2 years of service, NELRP will pay participants 30 percent of their total qualifying nursing education loan balance incurred while pursuing an education in nursing (total of 60 percent), as of the effective date of their 2-year contract.
 - For a third (optional) year of service, subject to the availability of funds, NELRP will pay participants 25 percent of their original total qualifying nursing education loan balance for qualifying nursing education, as of the effective date of their initial 2-year contract.

How to apply?

- Applicants should visit www.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/repayment/nursing to find the **newly redesigned and easier to use Application and Program Guidance**.
- To find information on sites that qualify as Critical Shortage Facilities refer to the Application and Program Guidance (pages 6 and 7).
- For questions about the application call the HRSA Call Center at 1-800-221-9393.