

About us

Established in 1987, the Health Professions Education Foundation (HPEF) is the state's only non-profit foundation statutorily created to encourage persons from underrepresented communities to become health professionals and increase access to health providers in medically underserved areas. Supported by grants, donations, licensing fees, and special funds, HPEF provides scholarship and loan repayment programs to students and graduates who agree to practice in California's medically underserved communities. Housed in the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, HPEF's track record of delivering health providers to areas of need has resulted in approximately 12,882 awards totaling more than \$146.7 million to allied health, nursing, mental health and medical students and recent graduates practicing in 58 of California's 58 counties.

Mission Statement

The Health Professions Education Foundation (HPEF) improves access to healthcare in underserved areas of California by providing scholarship and loan repayment programs to health professional students and graduates who are dedicated to providing direct patient care in those areas. In return for this support, recipients agree to provide direct patient care in a medically underserved area (MUA) of California for a period of one to three years.

Program Name - Professions Supported	Award Amount	Service Obligation	Maximum # of Awards
Scholarship Programs			
Allied Healthcare Scholarship Program (AHSP): Community Health Workers/Promotoras Medical Assistants Occupational Therapist Assistants Radiologic Technicians Ultrasound Technicians Clinical Laboratory Scientists Medical Imaging Technologists Pharmacy Technicians Respiratory Therapists * Other Allied Healthcare Dental Hygienists Medical Laboratory Technologists Physical Therapy Assistants Social Workers Diagnostic Medical Sonographers Nuclear Medicine Technologists Radiation Therapy Technologists Surgical Technicians	Up to \$8,000 per award	1 Year	4
Vocational Nurse Scholarship Program (VNSP): Licensed Vocational Nurses	Up to \$4,000 per award	1 Year	3
Licensed Vocational Nurse to Associate Degree Nursing (LVN to ADN): Registered Nurses	Up to \$8,000 per award	1 Year	3
Associate Degree Nursing Scholarship Program (ADNSP): Registered Nurses	Up to \$8,000 per award	1 Year	3
Bachelors of Science Nursing Scholarship Program (BSNSP): Registered Nurses	Up to \$10,000 per award	1 Year	4
Advanced Practice Healthcare Scholarship Program (APHSP): Certified Nurse Midwives Nurse Practitioners Physical Therapists Clinical Nurse Specialists Occupational Therapists Physician Assistants Dentists Pharmacists Speech Therapists	Up to \$25,000 per award	1 Year	4
Loan Repayment Programs			
Allied Healthcare Loan Repayment Program (AHLRP): Eligible professions include, but are not limited to: Community Health Workers/Promotoras Medical Imaging Technologists Physical Therapy Assistants Ultrasound Technicians Clinical Laboratory Scientists Medical Laboratory Technologists Radiation Therapy Technologists * Other Allied Healthcare Dental Hygienists Nuclear Medicine Technologists Radiologic Technicians Diagnostic Medical Sonographers Occupational Therapist Assistants Respiratory Therapists Medical Assistants Pharmacy Technicians Surgical Technicians	Up to \$16,000 per award	1 Year	4
Licensed Vocational Nurse Loan Repayment Program (LVNLRP): Licensed Vocational Nurses	Up to \$6,000 per award	1 Year	4
Bachelors of Science Nursing Loan Repayment Program (BSNLRP): Registered Nurses	Up to \$10,000 per award	1 Year	4
Advanced Practice Healthcare Loan Repayment Program (APHLRP): Certified Nurse Midwives Nurse Practitioners Physical Therapists Clinical Nurse Specialists Occupational Therapists Physician Assistants Dentists Pharmacists Speech Therapists	Up to \$25,000 per award	Up to 2 years	4
Licensed Mental Health Services Provider Education Program (LMHSPEP): Postdoctoral Psychological Assistants/Trainees Registered or Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists Registered or Licensed Clinical Social Workers Registered or Licensed Psychologists	Up to \$10,000 per award	Up to 2 years	3
Mental Health Loan Assumption Program (MHLAP) Eligible professions include, but are not limited to: Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors/Interns Physician Assistants Psychologists Managerial and/or fiscal staff Postdoctoral Psychological Assistants/Trainees Registered Nurses Marriage and Family Therapists/Interns Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioners Social Workers/Interns Peer Support Specialists Psychiatrists Other	Up to \$10,000 per award	1 Year	6
Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan Repayment Program (STLRP): Allopathic or Osteopathic Physicians	Up to \$105,000 per award	3 Years	2



Tracie Hall-Burks, LCSW
Mental Health Loan Assumption
Program Awardee

Saving Lives Daily

"This opportunity, as an awardee, has allowed me to see the light at the end of the tunnel. As a 2004 Masters of Social Work graduate I have officially been paying student loans for 10 years. In the mental health field there is such a huge need, yet service providers are limited due to the amount of work and the low pay range. In other words, it's not a field you go into if you plan on being rich! This makes it difficult to justify the thousands of dollars spent in obtaining the education needed to do the work we so dearly love. Thank you for this opportunity to help lighten the financial load as I continue to remain dedicated to servicing the underserved populations, saving and changing lives daily. This award allows me to focus more on my own family without having to face financial stress."

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