



CalSEARCH Request for Application (RFA) Coming Soon.

Register for the Technical Assistance (TA) Webinar.

The California Student/Resident Experiences and Rotations in Community Health (CalSEARCH) Program provides students, residents, and Community Health Workers/Promotores (CHW/P) with clinical experiences linked to preceptors, mentors, and community projects. The program is designed to enhance recruitment within rural, urban, inner city, and underserved/unserved areas. Please continue to stay engaged in our stakeholder announcements to learn when our next Request for Application (RFA) will be released. The next opportunity, to be released later this week, will provide experiences/rotations in the Public Mental Health System (PMHS) and experiences/training for CHWs/Ps in the 14 Building Healthy Communities identified by The California Endowment (TCE).

To learn more about the program, please visit the CalSEARCH webpage:

<http://oshpd.ca.gov/HWDD/CalSEARCH/>

Please register for the Technical Assistance (TA) Webinar scheduled for February 24 and March 9:

<https://surveymonkey.com/s/CalSEARCH5545>

STATE LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

SLRP awardee numbers increase in 2015. The California State Loan Repayment Program's (SLRP) 61 awardees for 2015 represent seven disciplines of healthcare professionals, across 22 of California's counties – that's a 38% increase in total providers, 40% increase in represented disciplines, and a 20% increase in counties served!

SONG-BROWN PROGRAM

Song Brown applications are due March 10, 2015. The Request for Application (RFA) for New Slots (\$4M) funding is currently open and available until March 10, 2015. One-time state funding of \$4 million is available to support new primary care residency slots. Eligible residency programs are: Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology (OB/GYN) and Pediatrics. Applications are due March 10, 2015.

The RFA for Primary Care Residency (PCR) funding is also open and available until March 10, 2015. Funding is available to support new and existing resident positions for Internal Medicine, OB/GYN, and Pediatric residency programs.

PCR and New Slots FAQ's and Information & Guidance documents are currently available on the Song-Brown webpage: http://oshpd.ca.gov/HWDD/Song_Brown_Prog.html

CHWPC Upcoming Funding Meetings

The California Healthcare Workforce Policy Commission (CHWPC) will hold a Registered Nurse (RN) funding meeting on **March 4-5, 2015 from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM** at the Four Points by Sheraton in Sacramento, CA.

CHWPC will also hold a funding meeting to determine awards for the new Primary Care Residency and New Slots (\$4M) programs on **April 28-29, 2015 from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM** in Sacramento, CA.

For additional information about applicant registration, applicant submission, webinars, application instructions/guidance and meeting dates, please visit the Song-Brown webpage:

http://oshpd.ca.gov/HWDD/Song_Brown_Prog.html

HEALTH WORKFORCE PILOT PROJECTS

HWPP application #173 moving forward. Health Workforce Pilot Projects (HWPP) Application #173 – sponsored by the Emergency Medical Services Authority – continues to develop and move forward with Advisory Committee meetings and site visits scheduled for 2015. This project proposes to determine whether paramedics working in an expanded role in their community can help improve health system integration, efficiency, and/or fill identified health care needs. To learn more, please visit the HWPP webpage:

<http://oshpd.ca.gov/HWDD/HWPP.html>

SHORTAGE DESIGNATION PROGRAM

SDP Workshop in March 2015. The Shortage Designation Program (SDP) invites you to attend the Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA) and Medically Underserved Areas/Populations (MUA/MUP) Bi-Annual Workshop in March 2015. SDP will be holding their Bi-Annual Workshop in Monterey in March 2015. The details will be posted to the website when confirmed.

The benefits of attending the workshop:

1. Assignment of National Health Service Corps personnel
 2. Educational loan repayment for providers
 3. Rural Health Clinic (RHC) Certification
- 10% Medicare Incentive Payment for Physician Services
 - J-1 Visa Waiver Program

For more information, please visit the SDP webpage: http://oshpd.ca.gov/hwdd/shortage_designation_prog.html

HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE CLEARINGHOUSE

Clearinghouse wants to hear from healthcare workforce stakeholders. Please complete a brief survey on the types of additional healthcare workforce data, analysis, and research initiatives the Clearinghouse can provide to its constituents. Follow this link to complete the survey:

<http://oshpd.ca.gov/hwdd/hwc/index.html#StakeholderSurvey>. The survey will remain open until March 4, 2015.

New fact sheets. Clearinghouse has added two new Fact Sheets on the California RN workforce. They can be found here:

<http://oshpd.ca.gov/HWDD/HWC/FactSheets/BRN-Income-Wage-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

<http://oshpd.ca.gov/HWDD/HWC/FactSheets/BRN-Not-Working-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

New interactive reports. Age and provider counts by county and statewide distribution are now available for Dentists, Registered Dental Hygienists, Registered Dental Assistants, Licensed Vocational Nurses, and

Psychiatric Technicians. Go to these Interactive Reports by visiting the Clearinghouse webpage:
<http://oshpd.ca.gov/HWDD/HWC/>

HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICE ADMINISTRATION

HRSA PCTE award applications due February 18, 2015. The Primary Care Training and Enhancement (PCTE) grant proposes to strengthen the primary care workforce by supporting enhanced training for future primary care. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2015, applicants for the PCTE program must focus on training for transforming healthcare systems, particularly enhancing the clinical training experience of trainees.

Some of the characteristics identified by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid to be closely associated with transformed healthcare delivery systems include:

- Providers across the care continuum participate in integrated or virtually integrated delivery models.
- Care is coordinated across all providers and settings;
- There is a high level of patient engagement and quantifiable results on patient experience.
- Providers leverage the use of health information technology to improve quality.

Eligible applicants include accredited public or nonprofit private hospital, school of medicine or osteopathic medicine, academically affiliated physician assistant training program, or a public or private nonprofit entity. A total of \$9,000,000.00 is available for this program which can fund up to thirty (30) awards. Applications are due by February 18, 2015.

For grant and contact Information, please visit the PCTE webpage: <http://grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=270605> or contact Vernae Martin: vmartin@hrsa.gov

HRSA Nurse Faculty Loan Program applications due February 25, 2015. The Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP) proposes to increase the number of qualified nursing faculty with the NFLP by providing funding to schools of nursing to support the establishment and operation of a distinct, interest-bearing NFLP loan fund. Participating schools of nursing make loans from the fund to assist registered nurses in completing their graduate education to become qualified nurse faculty. The program offers loan cancellation of up to 85 percent for borrowers that graduate and serve as full-time nursing faculty for the prescribed period of time. Eligible applicants include accredited schools of nursing which offer educator coursework within an advanced education nursing degree program(s) that will prepare the graduate student to teach. A total of \$22.5 million is available for this program which can fund up to one-hundred five (105) awards. Applications are due by February 25, 2015.

For more information, please visit the NFLP webpage: <http://grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=270806> or contact Denise Thompson: dthompson@hrsa.gov

The NURSE Corps Loan Repayment Program Application is now open. The NURSE Corps loan repayment programs are accepting applications until Thursday February 26, 2015 7:30 pm EST.

This program enables dedicated registered nurses committed to caring for underserved people to serve in hospitals and clinics in some of America's neediest communities, improving the lives of their patients.

For resources including the Application and Program Guidance and instructions on how to apply, please visit the Nurse Corps webpage: <http://hrsa.gov/loanscholarships/repayment/nursing/index.html>

NHSC Loan Repayment Program application cycle open. The 2015 National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Loan Repayment Program Application Cycle is Now Open and Will Close on March 30, 2015 at 7:30 PM EST.

This Program provides loan repayment assistance to licensed primary care medical, dental, and mental and behavioral health providers who serve in communities with limited access to health care. There are both full-time and half-time service options.

The 2015 application cycle is expected to be competitive. On average, it can take up to three weeks to complete an application so applicants are encouraged to apply early. This year the process may improve for applicants, now that some loan information can be automatically populated by the National Student Loan Data System.

For resources including the Application and Program Guidance and instructions on how to apply, please visit the NHSC webpage: <http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loanrepayment/>

NHSC Scholarship application is expected to open in March 2015. The National Health Service Corps You can apply to the Scholarship Program if you are committed to primary care and accepted to or enrolled in a fully accredited training program for

- Physicians (MD or DO)
- Dentists
- Nurse Practitioners
- Certified Nurse-Midwives
- Physician Assistants

The scholarship pays tuition, fees, other educational costs, and provides a living stipend in return for a commitment to work at least 2 years at an approved outpatient facility in a medically underserved community.

For more information, please visit the NHSC Scholarship webpage:
<http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/scholarships/index.html>

IMPORTANT DATES

- **February 18, 2015:** HRSA PCTE Applications due
- **February 20, 2015:** Mini Grants Applications due
- **February 24, 2015:** CalSEARCH TA Webinar
- **February 25, 2015:** NFLP Applications due
- **February 26, 2015:** NURSE Corps Applications due
- **March 2015:** HWPP Workshop
- **March 2015:** NHSC Scholarship Application Opens
- **March 4, 2015:** Clearinghouse Stakeholder Survey closes
- **March 4-5, 2015:** CHWPC Funding Meeting
- **March 9, 2015:** CalSEARCH TA Webinar
- **March 10, 2015:** Song Brown Applications due
- **March 30, 2015:** NHSC Loan Repayment Application due
- **April 28-29, 2015:** CHWPC Funding Meeting

OSHPD promotes the diversity, supply, distribution, competency, and capacity of health practitioners in California—particularly in underserved communities—to access safe, quality healthcare environments that meet California's diverse and dynamic needs. OSHPD's Healthcare Workforce Development Division (HWDD) serves as California's Primary Care Office supporting the state's healthcare workforce through pipeline development, training and placement, financial incentives, systems redesign, and research and policy with a focus on underserved and diverse communities. Specifically, HWDD encourages demographically underrepresented groups to pursue healthcare careers; deploys primary care and mental health practitioners to underserved communities; evaluates new and expanded roles for health professionals and new health delivery alternatives; designates health professional shortage areas; and serves as the state's central repository of health workforce and education data.

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