

## Washington Health Corps

**Washington Health Corps** helps the state attract and retain licensed health professionals to serve in critical shortage areas in Washington State by providing educational loan repayment assistance.

**Three programs—with different requirements—provide educational loan repayment assistance.**

Requirements	Federal Health Program (FHP)	State Health Program (SHP)	Behavioral Health Program (BHP)
Funding source	Federal funds matched with state dollars	State funds only	
Maximum award	\$70,000	\$75,000	
Minimum service obligation	2 years	3 years	
Minimum work week	40-hour work week	24-hour work week, service obligation is prorated	
Default penalty	(months NOT served x \$7,500) + interest Minimum \$31,000 payback	An amount equal to the unsatisfied portion of the service obligation, or the total amount paid by the program on participant's behalf, whichever is less.	
Days away from clinic	Approximately 35 days per contract year	40 days per contract year	
Eligible sites  See program reference guide for full details.	Required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Federal Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) designation.</li><li>Nonprofit.</li><li>Posted and implemented sliding fee schedule.</li></ul>	Optional: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>HPSA designation.</li><li>Nonprofit.</li><li>Posted and implemented sliding fee schedule.</li></ul>	
Eligible providers	DDS or DMD, Registered Dental Hygienist, MD, DO, Physician Assistant, Nurse Practitioner, Registered Nurse, Pharmacist, Certified Nurse Midwife, Substance Use Disorder Professional, Licensed Clinical Psychologist*, Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker*, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist*, Licensed Mental Health Counselor*	All same eligible providers as FHP  PLUS Licensed Midwife, Naturopathic Doctor (ND), Licensed Practical Nurse, Chiropractor, Forensic Pathologist	ONLY Substance Use Disorder Professional, Nurse Practitioner specializing in mental health, Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Licensed Mental Health Counselor

\*For FHP only, indicated provider types require a full independent license. Individuals with the associate level, restricted credential are not eligible.

Jan. 2026

Mar. 2026

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Apr. 2026

June 2026

July 2026



Provider application opens



Provider application closes



Applicant & site eligibility certification begins



Eligibility certification ends



WSAC notifies participants



New participant contracts begin

Phone: 888-535-0747, option 5  
Email: [health@wsac.wa.gov](mailto:health@wsac.wa.gov)

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### Three-Step Process

1 New sites apply and request pre-approval status.

2 Health providers apply when the application cycle opens.

3 Sites certify and provide information.

Note: Site preapproval application is now open year-round.

2026 Timeline