

Healthcare Worker Loan Relief Program Commonwealth (HWLRPC) Frequently Asked Questions

1. If my specialty isn't listed, can I still apply?

Yes, additional specialties are considered in addition to the listed specialties. As long as you meet all of the eligibility criteria listed within the Program Guidelines and Instructions, you are welcome to apply.

2. What if I cannot find my practice site listed on the HSPA Website?

If you cannot find your HSPA on the website, but meet all of the criteria within the program, we encourage you to still apply and your practice site area will be reviewed.

3. How long does it take for applicants to find out if they have been accepted into the HWLRPC?

The timeline varies from application cycle to application cycle, depending on the number of applicants within a given application cycle.

4. Once accepted into the program, how soon will I receive my funding?

Funding will begin processing once the applicants service contract of commitment is signed and returned to the UK CERH business office. The timeline for when the funding check is received varies depending on multiple factors.

5. How often do application cycle windows open?

The application cycle for the HWLRPC is rolling with bi-annual consideration. The program page is updated each time we have a new application cycle open, so we encourage you to stay up to date

with the program page for information on when a new application cycle opens.

6. Is my practice site eligible?

All eligible practice sites must be a public or private, nonprofit entity. Please be sure to read all of the practice site eligibility requirements listed within the Program Guidelines and Instructions manual.

7. Will my application still be reviewed, even if my practice site doesn't submit a Site/Sponsor Application?

Both an Applicant Application and a Site/Sponsor Application has to be submitted, before and applicant's application will move forward to the review process. The Site/Sponsor Application must be filled out by the applicant's practice site representative. Please be sure to look at application deadlines and plan accordingly.

8. What if my practice site does not want to provide a "match" or sponsorship funding?

A match component is not required for the HWLRPC, therefore if a practice site wishes to provide additional funding, if applicable, towards the applicant's student loan debt, it will be applied to the applicant award amount and the practice site will be listed as a sponsor of the applicant. Please refer to the Program Guidelines and Instructions for more information on sponsorship funding.

9. Do I have to have a certain educational degree to apply for the HWLRPC?

Applicants must have been trained and licensed to provide direct patient care in one of the program's eligible disciplines and specialties (see Page 5 of the Program Guidelines and Instructions for a complete listing).

10. If I have already paid off my student loans and want to apply to the program, can I be reimbursed?

If you do not have any existing student loans, you can not be accepted into the HWLRPC.

11. How long is the service commitment, if I am accepted into the HWLRPC?

Applicants selected to participate in the competitive program are required to work 24-40 hours a week, up to 4160 hours over a 2-3 year period. Applicants may be awarded no more than four (4) contract extensions for a total of six (6) years of service with HWLRPC, including the initial two-year contract period.

12. What is the difference between KSLRP and the HWLRPC?

The Kentucky State Loan Repayment Program (KSLRP) is funded by the federal government (HRSA) and public/nonprofit Organizations. KSLRP is also administered by the Kentucky Office of Rural Health. The Healthcare Worker Loan Relief Program of the Commonwealth is funded by the Commonwealth of Kentucky and is administered by the UK Center of Excellence in Rural Health.

If you have additional questions, please email HWLRPCCommonwealth@uky.edu or the HWLRPC Project Manager, Sierra Williams at Slwi258@uky.edu