



Healthcare Worker Loan Relief Program of the Commonwealth

Administered by the University of Kentucky
Center of Excellence in Rural Health

The Healthcare Worker Loan Relief Program of the Commonwealth is a new funding opportunity designed to increase recruitment and retention of healthcare professionals to practice in under-served areas of Kentucky.

Applicants must be from one of the following disciplines:

- ✓ Primary Care Clinicians: MD/DO, PA, NP, CNM, RN
- ✓ Dental Care Clinicians: DDS/DMD, RDH
- ✓ Behavioral/Mental Health Clinicians: MD/DO, LCSW, LPCC, HSP, MFT, NP, PA, PNS
- ✓ Alcohol/Substance Use Clinicians: Counselors
- ✓ Pharmacy Clinicians: RPh/PharmD
- ✓ Optometrists: OD
- ✓ Ophthalmologists: MD/DO
- ✓ Audiologists: Au. D
- ✓ And Other Specialties Considered

The UK Center of Excellence in Rural Health (CERH) serves as the administrator for the Healthcare Worker Loan Relief Program of the Commonwealth.

Eligibility

- ✓ U.S. citizen or U.S. national working in Kentucky.
- ✓ Trained and licensed to provide direct patient care in an eligible discipline and specialty.
- ✓ Currently employed (or will be employed by the applicant eligibility set date, for each application cycle) at an eligible site.
- ✓ Practice 24-40 hours a week, up to 4160 hours over a 2-3 years period, providing primary health services at an eligible site.
- ✓ Have no existing service obligations.

Maximum Loan Repayment Amounts

The process for determining award amounts, will be tiered based on provider type, student loan debt level, and other factors.

Application Window

Applications are accepted throughout each year and are rolling with biannual consideration. **The next application window will open on September 1, 2023 - September 30, 2023.**

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