

Indian Health Service Loan Repayment Program

Opportunity For Financial Freedom



IHS Loan Repayment Program

The LRP was enacted in 1988 as an amendment to the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA) with the goal of ensuring that IHS has enough trained health professionals for Indian health program facilities throughout the United States.

LRP Specifics – How the LRP Works

- LRP participants must fulfill a two-year service commitment in full-time clinical practice at an approved Indian health facility.
- LRP awards up to \$20,000 in loan repayment funding per year in addition to excellent pay and benefits.
- LRP awards are based on staffing needs and the availability of funds.
- LRP participants may request one-year extensions of up to \$20,000 per year in exchange for an additional year of service until all of their qualified education loans are paid.

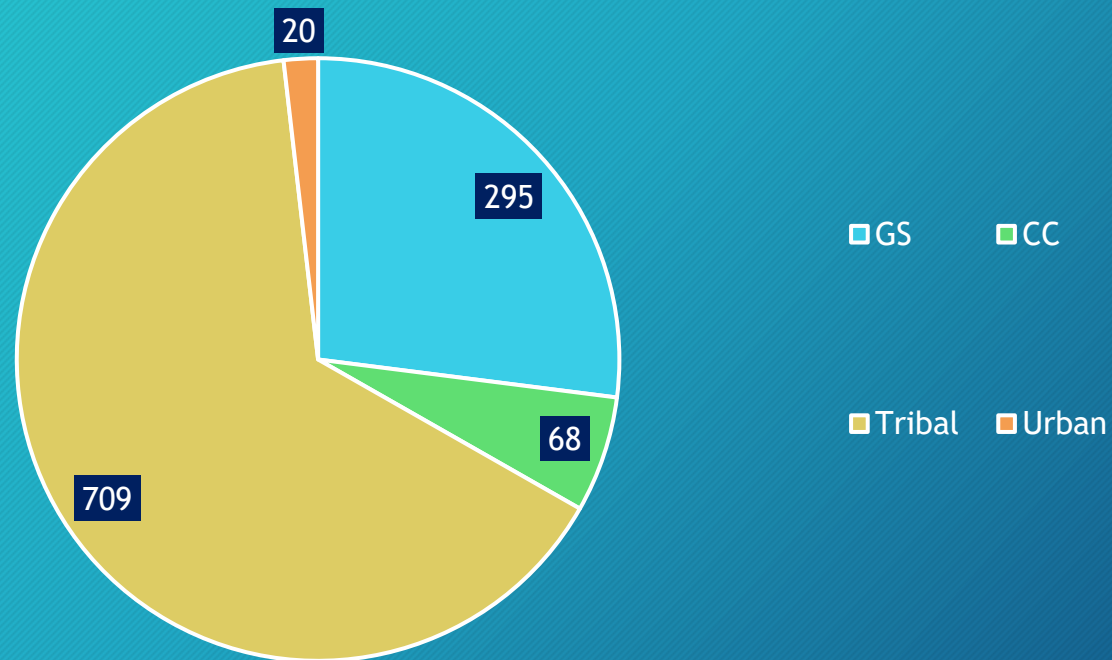
2022 IHS LRP Awards

Profession	New	Extension	Total	Amount
Behavioral Health	30	29	59	\$2,053,705
Dental	42	49	91	\$3,029,948
Nursing	180	70	250	\$9,242,079
Optometry	9	39	48	\$1,467,027
Other Professions	59	12	71	\$2,879,450
Mid-Level	63	87	150	\$5,180,820
Pharmacy	72	102	174	\$6,237,645
Physician	34	90	124	\$4,037,550
Podiatry	7	14	21	\$723,408
Rehab Services	45	60	105	\$3,814,407
TOTALS	541	552	1093	\$38,666,039

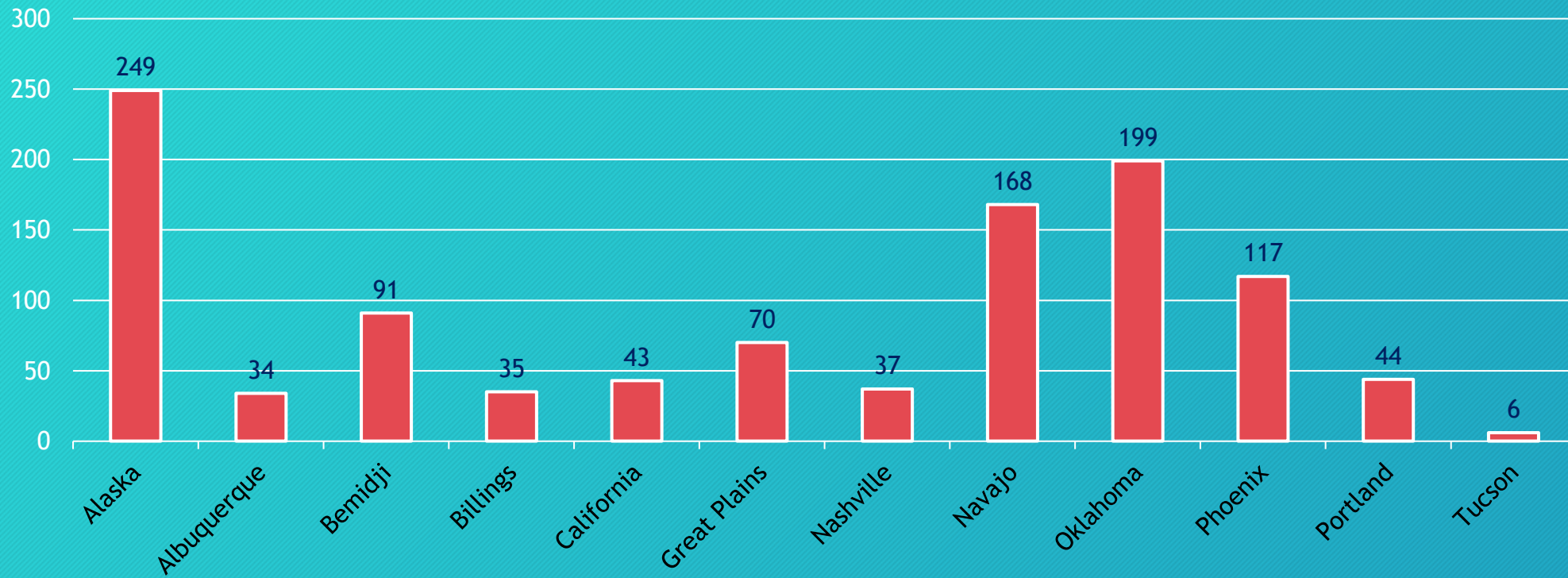
2022 Other Health Professions Awards

Profession	New	Extension	Total
Acupuncturists	0	2	2
Dietetics/Nutritionists	28	2	30
Engineering	2	2	4
Medical Lab Scientist	9	0	9
Medical Technologist	1	0	1
Radiology Technologist	10	0	10
Chiropractor	3	6	9
Respiratory Therapist	2	0	2
Sanitarians	4	0	4
TOTALS	59	12	71

2022 Awards by Personnel System



2022 Awards by Area



2022 IHS LRP Nashville Area Awards

Profession	New	Extension	Total	Amount
Behavioral Health	7	3	10	\$388,239
Nursing	4	6	10	\$284,853
Optometry	0	1	1	\$25,836
Nutritionist/Dietitian	0	1	1	\$25,836
Mid-Level	4	2	6	\$210,928
Pharmacy	2	3	5	\$180,852
Physician	0	2	2	\$51,672
Rehab Services	0	1	1	\$25,836
Diagnostic Radiologist Tech	1	0	1	\$6,650
TOTALS	18	19	37	\$1,200,702

2022 IHS LRP Nashville Area Awards

Catawba IHS Clinic	2
Cattaraugus Indian Nation Health Center	1
Cherokee Indian Hospital	7
Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana	1
Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians	2
Seneca Nation - Lionel R. Johns Health Center	1
Miccosukee Corporation	4
Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians	5
Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indian Township	1
Poarch Creek Indian Health Department	1
Saint Regis Mohawk Health Services	1
Seminole Tribe of Florida	10
Unity Treatment Center - Cherokee, NC	1
TOTAL	37

Eligible Health Professions for FY 2023

- Medicine: Allopathic and Osteopathic
- Nursing: Community Health Nurse, Public Health Nurse, RN Case Manager, Nurse Specialist: ADN, BSN and MSN
- Diabetes Nurse Educator: Associate degree, BSN, and MSN
- Dentistry
 - DDS and DMD
 - Dental Hygiene
 - Dental Assistant
 - Dental Therapists: Licensed or Certified
- Behavioral Health:
 - Clinical Psychology: PhD or PsyD,
 - Counseling: Master's degree
 - Psychology: PhD
 - Social Work, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Master's degree
- Pharmacy: PharmD
- Optometry: OD
- Physical Rehabilitation:
 - Physical/Occupational Therapy, Speech-Language Pathology, and Audiology: MS, Doctoral
- Mid-Level Practitioners:
 - Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM)
 - Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)
 - Nurse Practitioner (DNP and NP): Family Practice, Geriatric, Pediatric, Psychiatric, Women's Health
 - Physician Assistant Certified: MS
- Podiatrist: DPM

Eligible Health Professions FY 2023 (cont.)

Other Health Professions

- Registered Dietician: BS and MS (must have an RD)
- Registered Nutritionist: BS and MS (must have an RD or RDN)
- Clinical Laboratory Scientist, BS
- Medical Laboratory Technician: Associate degree and BS
- Diagnostic Radiology Technology, Ultrasonography
- Respiratory Therapy: Associate and B.S.
- Environmental Health (Sanitarian): B.S. and Master's level
- Engineering (Environmental): B.S. and M.S. (Engineers must provide environmental engineering services to be eligible)
- Chiropractor: Licensed
- Acupuncturists: Licensed

Application Deadlines

Applications are accepted year round and are evaluated monthly beginning in January or as soon as funds become available.

Visit the “How to Apply” page of the LRP website:
www.ihs.gov/loanrepayment/applynow.

- The fiscal year deadline for submission of online application in order to be considered in the final award cycle is August 15th.

For More Information

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