

Washington Student Achievement Council
Health Professional Scholarship Program

Shortage Area Information

All Health Professional Scholarship recipients must complete their service obligation in a qualified shortage area in Washington State. **We strongly advise you to contact program staff prior to accepting employment or when changing employers to assure the employment qualifies for service credit.**

If your employment does not meet program requirements, you WILL NOT receive service credit and your conditional scholarship will be placed into default status. All scholarship recipients must be employed in direct primary care and be an employee of the facility.

Qualifying Facilities

Eligible Facilities

- State Correctional Facilities
- State Mental Health Hospitals
- Community and Migrant Health Centers (Federally-Qualified Health Centers)
- **Any other facility** (public, non-profit, or private) with more than 40 percent of its caseload consisting of Medicaid **and** has a posted and implemented sliding-fee discount schedule (must meet **both** conditions)
- Any facility listed in the Shortage Area List for your profession (exceptions listed below)

Non-Eligible Facilities -

Examples of facility types that **do not** qualify for service credit (*list is for example purposes only and is not inclusive*):

- Specialty Clinics (example: facility that treats specific health issues such as diabetes, dialysis, orthopedics, etc)
- Hospital Emergency Departments, Urgent Care Clinics, or Walk-in Clinics
- Urban Hospitals (such as Seattle Children's, Harborview, Tacoma General)
- Placement Agencies – working per diem or on a contract for a placement agency

Shortage Areas by Profession

Nursing

There are no geographic restrictions for practical or registered nurses at this time. You may work anywhere in Washington state. Facility is required to meet Eligible Facilities criteria listed above.

Nurse Educators/Faculty

Must work a full-time equivalent in a combination of faculty and clinical positions. Service credit for teaching undergraduate nursing only, with a minimum of 24 hours a week required at the undergraduate level. Faculty positions must be in a Washington state institution that is experiencing a **critical shortage** of qualified faculty (documentation from the institution must be provided).

Other Professions

Shortage Areas for these professions are listed in the following table: Primary Care Physician (MD/DO); Dentist; Registered Dental Hygienist; Pharmacist; Physician Assistant; Nurse Practitioner; Licensed or Certified Nurse Midwife.

HSA's (Shortage areas) are based on zip codes surrounding a **core health facility** such as a hospital or local public health department. Examples: Yelm is listed, but clinics in surrounding areas such as McKenna or Roy are included in the service area. Ellensburg is listed but clinics in Kittitas or Vantage are included in the service area.*

**(The University of Washington WWAMI Rural Health Research Center developed Health Service Area boundaries.)*

SHORTAGE AREAS LIST - Health Professional Scholarship Program

Areas Included are shaded, non-shaded areas are not included.

Western WA Health Service Areas								Eastern WA Health Service Areas							
PCP	DDS	RDH	RX	PA	NP	MW		PCP	DDS	RDH	RX	PA	NP	MW	
Arlington								Brewster							
Centralia								Chewelah							
Concrete								Clarkston							
Darrington								Colfax							
Eatonville								Colville							
Enumclaw								Coupeville							
Forks								Davenport							
Gold Bar								Dayton							
Key Peninsula								Deer Park							
Longview								Ellensburg							
McCleary								Ephrata							
Monroe								Goldendale							
Morton								Grand Coulee							
Mount Vernon								Ilwaco							
North Bend								Ione/Metaline Falls							
Olympic Peninsula								Leavenworth							
Orting								Moses Lake							
Port Angeles								Newport							
Port Townsend								Odessa							
San Juan Islands								Omak							
Shelton								Othello							
South Bend								Pomeroy							
Sumas/Mt. Baker								Prosser							
Yelm								Pullman							
<p align="center">LEGEND</p> <p>PCP Primary Care Physician (MD/DO) DDS Dentist RDH Registered Dental Hygienist RX Pharmacist PA Physician Assistant NP Nurse Practitioner MW Midwife – Licensed or Certified Nurse Midwife</p> <p>Nurse Faculty/Registered Nurse/Licensed Practical Nurse- See previous page</p>								Quincy							
								Republic							
								Ritzville							
								Sunnyside							
								Tonasket							
								Toppenish							
								Wenatchee							
								White Salmon							