



Oregon Primary Health Care Loan Forgiveness Program (PCLF) (Part of OHA's Health Care Provider Incentive Program)

PCLF is an incentive for students participating in approved rural training tracks to receive funding during their education in exchange for a future service obligation. PCLF participants receive loan forgiveness funds during their education, and must contract with an approved practice site within 90 days of graduation (or completion of residency). Participants are required to practice at an approved site for the life of their obligation, which is 1 obligation year for every year of funding.

Eligible Provider Types

- **Physicians:** Family Medicine, General Internal Medicine, General Pediatrics, General Surgery, Community Psychiatry, and OB/GYN
- **Physician Assistants:** Family Medicine, General Internal Medicine, General Pediatrics, General Surgery Medicine Subspecialty, and Surgical Subspecialty
- **Nurse Practitioners:** Family, Adult, Nurse Midwife, Gerontology, Pediatric, and Psychiatric Mental Health

Eligibility Standards

- Be enrolled in a qualified health professional training program's "Rural Track"; and
- Upon graduation or completion of residency, work full time (a minimum of 32 hours per week of clinical practice for a total of 45 weeks in a 52-week period for the length of your commitment)

Examples of qualifying practices for a PCLF service commitment include:

- Primary care sites in rural areas in Oregon, with a HPSA for your profession, seeing the same percentage of Medicaid and Medicare patients that exist in the county in which the clinic is located, which can include:
 - Certified Rural Health Clinics (RHC)
 - Critical Access Hospitals (CAH) and other rural hospitals
 - Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) in rural communities
 - County and state correctional facilities in rural areas
 - Other sites, with the approval of OHA

Before signing an employment contract participants must confirm with the Oregon Office of Rural Health to ensure that the site qualifies for their PCLF obligation

2018 Award Information

- Applications were made available on January 2nd, 2018
- Applications, including essays are due February 2nd, 2018
- Awardees may receive up to \$35,000 per award year: PAs and NPs eligible for 1 year, MD & DOs are eligible for up to 3 years

Questions

For more information and answers to specific questions please contact the Office of Rural Health at: ruralworkforce@ohsu.edu | 503-494-4450 | toll-free 866-674-4376.

<http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/outreach/oregon-rural-health/providers/loan-forgiveness/pclf.cfm>