



State of Ohio

Substance Use Disorder

Professional Loan Repayment Program

Program Description	The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) operates the Ohio Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Professional Loan Repayment Program to increase access to SUD-specific services for underserved communities and populations. The program assists in recruiting and retaining providers for community-based sites that serve all clients regardless of their ability to pay.
Eligible Disciplines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licensed independent chemical dependency counselor (LICDC). • Licensed independent marriage and family therapist (LIMFT). • Licensed independent social worker (LISW). • Licensed professional clinical counselor (LPCC). • Nurse Practitioner (NP), certified nurse midwife (CNM), clinical nurse specialist (CNS). • Pharmacist (RPh). • Physician (DO/MD). • Physician assistant (PA). • Psychologist (PsyD/PhD). • Registered nurse (RN).
Site Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accept Medicaid. • Utilize a formal sliding fee scale or provide other financial assistance for clients with limited income.
Service Commitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two-year service commitment. • Full-time (40 hours per week): minimum of 32 hours of direct client care. • Part-time (20-39 hours per week): minimum of 16 hours of direct client care. • 50% of direct client care hours must be spent providing SUD-specific services.
Financial Benefits	<p>Loan repayment assistance for qualified education debt.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to \$50,000 (full-time) or \$25,000 (part-time) for the two-year service commitment.
Tax Liability	Not taxable.
Application Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. citizen (U.S. born or naturalized), U.S. national, or lawful permanent resident. • Currently working or accepted to work at an eligible site. Preference given to applicants practicing in a federally designated health professional shortage area (HPSA) and/or a high-burdened SUD area of the state. • Must not have any other service obligation during the two-year service commitment. • Unpaid government or commercial loans for school tuition/professional training that led to eligible discipline, reasonable education expenses and reasonable living expenses, segregated from all other debts.
How to Apply	Application packets will be available on the ODH website when the next application cycle begins. For more information contact the Primary Care Office at 614-644-8508, or via email at PCRH@odh.ohio.gov .



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