



# 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"> <li>• Licensed independent chemical dependency counselor (LICDC).</li> <li>• Licensed independent marriage and family therapist (LIMFT).</li> <li>• Licensed independent social worker (LISW).</li> <li>• Licensed professional clinical counselor (LPCC).</li> <li>• Nurse Practitioner (NP), certified nurse midwife (CNM), clinical nurse specialist (CNS).</li> <li>• Pharmacist (RPh).</li> <li>• Physician (DO/MD).</li> <li>• Physician assistant (PA).</li> <li>• Psychologist (PsyD/PhD).</li> <li>• Registered nurse (RN).</li> </ul>
Site Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accept Medicaid.</li> <li>• Utilize a formal sliding fee scale or provide other financial assistance for clients with limited income.</li> </ul>
Service Commitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two-year service commitment.</li> <li>• <b>Full-time</b> (40 hours per week): minimum of 32 hours of direct client care.</li> <li>• <b>Part-time</b> (20-39 hours per week): minimum of 16 hours of direct client care.</li> <li>• 50% of direct client care hours must be spent providing SUD-specific services.</li> </ul>
Financial Benefits	<p>Loan repayment assistance for qualified education debt.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to \$50,000 (full-time) or \$25,000 (part-time) for the two-year service commitment.</li> </ul>
Tax Liability	Not taxable.
Application Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• U.S. citizen (U.S. born or naturalized), U.S. national, or lawful permanent resident.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Must not have any other service obligation during the two-year service commitment.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
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 <a href="mailto:PCRH@odh.ohio.gov">PCRH@odh.ohio.gov</a> .



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