

Choose Delaware

Delaware Student Loan Repayment Program



The [Delaware Student Loan Repayment Program \(SLRP\)](#) offers awards ranging from \$30,000 to \$100,000 to help healthcare professionals repay qualifying student loans if they live in Delaware and work in designated Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) within the state's New Castle, Kent or Sussex counties. A list of these medically underserved rural and urban areas may be found [here](#).

In place since 2000 and recognized nationally by [Money](#) magazine, Delaware SLRP helps Delaware employers recruit and retain quality healthcare professionals.

Administered by the [Delaware Department of Health and Social Services](#), the program provides up to \$100,000 for verifiable educational loans to qualified dental, behavioral/mental health and primary care professionals. Applicants must work for a minimum of two consecutive years of full-time (40 hours per week) or half-time (20 to 39 hours per week) service in shortage areas across the state.

This program is open to both recent graduates considering moving to or staying in Delaware as well as practitioners already employed for several years by a qualified Delaware practice site, but the latter must complete an additional two years of service as an SLRP recipient. Awardees may pursue a continuing contract for a third and/or fourth year and must complete one contract before reapplying for another.



There are so many reasons why Delaware is a great choice for people who want a great mix of life and work experiences. This program is a unique way for healthcare professionals to live in a great place and receive substantive help reducing their student debt obligations.



– **Kurt Foreman**
Chairman and CEO
Delaware Prosperity
Partnership

Fields and practitioners covered by the program include:



Advanced Disciplines

- **Allopathic Medicine (MD)**
- **Osteopathic Medicine (DO)**
- **General & Pediatric Dentistry (DDS/DMD)**

Mid-Level Disciplines

- **Certified Nurse-Midwife (CNM)**
- **Health Services Psychologist (HSP)**
- **Licensed Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors (LADC)**
- **Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)**
- **Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)**
- **Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT)**
- **Nurse Practitioner (NP)**
- **Pharmacist (PharmD)**
- **Physician's Assistant (PA)**
- **Psychiatric Nurse Specialist (PNS)**
- **Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH)**
- **Registered Nurse (RN)**

Applications are prioritized based on HPSA scores and identified provider needs. Awards are **not** based on financial need, so the amount of debt an applicant carries bears little effect on award amounts. Applicants must provide sufficient documentation and details to prove loan eligibility for application consideration and to advance through the review process.

The [Delaware Health Care Commission](#) accepts applications throughout the year, but formal application deadlines for each award cycle are in March and September. Applicants are encouraged to submit their materials at least three weeks before one of these deadlines.

Award notifications are made in mid-April and mid-October. Contract start dates are at the end of May and November.

Further details about Delaware SLRP are available [here](#).