

Deadline Extended for Loan Repayment Program for Mental Health Professionals

Austin, Texas, June xx, 2017—The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board extended the application deadline for the Loan Repayment Program for Mental Health Professionals to June 30. Mental health professionals, including psychiatrists, psychologists, advance practice nurses who are certified in psychiatric or mental health nursing, licensed professional counselors, and licensed clinical social workers, are encouraged to apply for the program. Each practice specialty is eligible for a different award amount, as noted on the application form posted on the [Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's website](#).

The deadline was extended from May 31 to June 30 due to a decline in applications from 489 last year to only 193 to date for 2017.

The Loan Repayment Program for Mental Health Professionals was authorized by the 84th Texas Legislature to encourage certain mental health professionals to provide services in designated Mental Health Professional Shortage Areas (MHPSAs).

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