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NHSC Recruitment Room 12A-30, Parklawn Building 5600 Fishers Lane Rockville, Maryland 20852 The Physician's Assistant in the National Health Service Corps

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# INTERESTED . . . IN THE PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT ROLE?

Then the National Health Service Corps is interested in you. In the Corps, physician's assistants are members of interdisciplinary primary health care teams whose composition varies with the needs of the community. Physician's assistants serve in rural and urban communities under the immediate and direct supervision of an NHSC physician.

### What is the National Health Service Corps?

The National Health Service Corps is a Public Health Service program established in 1970 to improve the delivery of services to communities with critical health manpower shortages by recruiting and placing health professionals in these communities. About 85 percent of the Corps service sites are located in rural areas; some are in large cities, but all provide an opportunity for a varied and stimulating assignment.

## What are the Qualifications for Serving in the Corps?

To qualify, an applicant must have a bachelor's degree in a health care occupation or three years of responsible and progressive health care experience (medical corpsman, nursing assistant, or medical technician). The applicant must also have successfully completed a 12 month course, including training or preceptorship, specifically designed for professional-caliber physician's assistants.

### What are the Financial Benefits?

Physician's assistants serving in the National Health Service Corps receive a Civil Service two-year term appointment at the GS-7 or GS-9 level, depending on the applicant's experience. Entrance salaries are \$9,969-or \$11,029.

10,520 or 12,841

#### Want to Know More?

Fill out the attached card and send it to the Corps recruitment office. We have lots more to tell you about the people you can help, the communities you can serve, fringe benefits you will receive, and the professional rewards that the Corps offers you.

