

Care for Veterans and Earn a Debt-Free Degree



Discover the

Education Debt Reduction Program (EDRP)

Choose a healthcare career providing top-notch care to America's Veterans and receive student loan repayment of up to **\$200,000** through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Education Debt Reduction Program (EDRP).

**CHOOSE A VA CAREER AND GIVE
BACK WHILE GETTING BACK**

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“I still have a very large amount of medical school debt to service. The EDRP program helps to accelerate the pay off dramatically.”

— Dr. Stephen Gau, board-certified emergency medicine physician,
VA Loma Linda Healthcare System in California

Choose VA for the Benefits

With EDRP, VA offers medical professionals a powerful recruitment and retention incentive through one of the most comprehensive education support programs in the nation. Employees with qualifying student loans who are in specific, difficult-to-recruit direct patient care positions may receive up to **\$200,000** over a five-year period (not to exceed **\$40,000** per year).

EDRP is a reimbursement program — participants receive annual reimbursements for payments to lenders. Education debt includes funds spent on tuition and other reasonable educational and living expenses such as fees, books, supplies, equipment and materials, and laboratory costs.

VA positions offering EDRP are noted in vacancy announcements. Candidates applying for positions noncompetitively should inquire about the program with human resources prior to negotiation. If offered, EDRP will be included in the final VA employment offer letter.

Eligible Applicants

-  **Earned a degree from an accredited school or program.**
-  **Have qualifying education debt (principal and interest) accrued in training for a degree for the appointed position.**
-  **Hold and maintain an acceptable level of performance in the appointed position during the EDRP service period.**

Learn More

- **EXPLORE** the education benefits of VA Careers at www.VAcareers.va.gov/Benefits/EducationSupport.
- **FIND** reimbursement-eligible positions by searching for “EDRP” at www.VAcareers.va.gov or USAJobs.gov.
- **REACH** a recruiter at VAcareers@va.gov.

