



Workforce Development Funding

A program for individuals pursuing education in eligible health-related fields who are committed to serving rural Vermont communities following degree completion

A tuition benefit program that pays up to **100% of your tuition.**

The Rural Health Transformation Tuition Benefit Program, funded by a grant from the federal government, was established by the Vermont Department of Health, Agency of Human Services and VSAC to support individuals pursuing education in eligible health-related fields who are committed to serving rural Vermont communities for 5 years following degree completion.

➤ The program is open to students seeking an undergraduate or graduate degree (unless otherwise indicated) in one of the following programs:

Dental Hygiene, Radiology Technology, Respiratory Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Clinical Mental Health, Community Mental Health Counseling, Marriage and Family Therapy, Mental Health Counseling, Social Work, Psychology, LPN, Associate Degree, Bachelor's Degree, Graduate or higher (APRN, MSN, DSN), Emergency Medical Services/Paramedicine (must be a degree program, not a certificate program), Dentistry (graduate level or higher only)

➤ Serving a rural community is defined as working at a facility/office that is in:

- Addison, Bennington, Caledonia, Essex, Franklin, Grand Isle, Lamoille, Orange, Orleans, Rutland, Washington, Windham, or Windsor County **or**
- One of the following zip codes in Chittenden County; 05445, 05461, 05462, 05465, 05466, 05468, 05477, 05489, 05490, 05494 **or**
- All Community Health Centers of Burlington locations, home health agencies or community mental health centers in Chittenden County, regardless of zip code.

➤ The maximum award equals UVM's in-state tuition, or the tuition of a higher-cost Vermont State University (VTSU) program, however, you may attend any qualifying school.

➤ You will be financially responsible for reimbursing VSAC for the full amount received from the tuition benefit program if you do not:

- complete the degree program (or receive your license) for which you received the funds
- work in Vermont in a rural healthcare setting
- or work for 5 years in a Vermont rural healthcare setting

Deadlines to apply: Applications are accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis.

Funding is limited and not guaranteed and is awarded to qualifying applicants on a first-come, first-served basis until all funds have been depleted.

[Learn how to apply](#)

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