

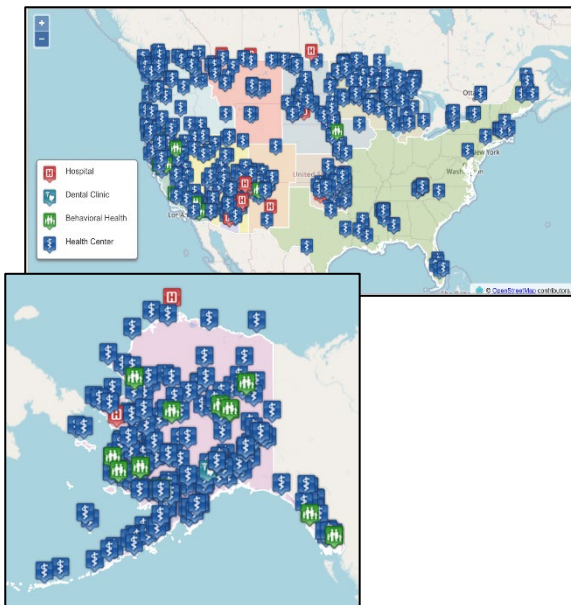


## Who We Are

The Indian Health Service is responsible for providing federal health services to American Indians and Alaska Natives. The IHS serves 2.7 million individuals from 574 federally recognized tribes.

## Where are We Located?

The IHS is divided into 12 Areas and is composed of federally and tribally-operated facilities across 37 states



**For more information visit:**

<http://www.ihs.gov>

**For pharmacy specific job openings, student opportunities, and career paths, visit:**

<https://www.ihs.gov/pharmacy/>

**USPHS Commissioned Corps**

<http://www.usphs.gov>



## Indian Health Service Pharmacy Careers



### Indian Health Service Mission

To raise the physical, mental, social, and spiritual health of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the highest level.

### Indian Health Service Vision

Healthy communities and quality health care systems through strong partnerships and culturally responsive practices.

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## Student Opportunities

The IHS provides several opportunities for students to experience the unique work experiences, cultures, and locations where pharmacists work.

### Commissioned Officer Student Training and Extern Program (COSTEP)

The United States Public Health Service (USPHS) COSTEP Program allows students to work at IHS facilities as an USPHS Commissioned Corps officer. The Junior COSTEP is completed during the summer after the first and/or second year of pharmacy school. The Senior COSTEP occurs during the final year of school with a service obligation after graduation.

### Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (APPE) Rotation

Many pharmacy schools have rotation agreements with IHS facilities across the country. Interested students should contact their Experiential Education departments.

### Residency Programs

There are 25 PGY-1 and 4 PGY-2 residency programs in the IHS which provide advanced training to prepare pharmacists for a fulfilling career in the IHS.

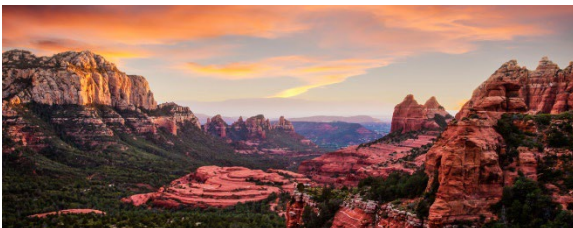


## Pharmacist Opportunities

Pharmacists occupy many different roles in the Indian Health Service (IHS), both clinical and non-clinical. Pharmacists in the IHS practice at the top of their license and provide in-depth clinical services in all aspects of care.

Non-clinical roles pharmacists hold include quality assurance and performance improvement (QAPI), informatics, and executive management.

Pharmacists have the opportunity to serve on multiple regional and national committees that work in unison to fulfill the mission of the IHS.



## Career Pathways

Pharmacists in the IHS are employed as either civil servants in federal facilities or tribal employees in facilities that are tribally operated. In addition, pharmacists can choose to commission into the USPHS Commissioned Corps.



## Loan Repayment Opportunities

A career in the IHS provides several avenues for student loan repayment including:

- IHS Loan Repayment Program
- National Health Service Corps Rural Community Loan Repayment
- Public Service Loan Forgiveness