



Indian Health Careers in the Great Plains Area

Opportunity. Adventure. Purpose.

IHS health professionals who live and work in the Great Plains Area enjoy an abundance of outdoor sports and recreation, scenic landmarks, natural resources and extensive opportunities for professional fulfillment and cultural enrichment.



Tribes of North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Iowa

- Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe
- Crow Creek Sioux Tribe
- Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe
- Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
- Oglala Sioux Tribe
- Omaha Tribe of Nebraska
- Ponca Tribe
- Rosebud Sioux Tribe
- Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi
- Santee Sioux Nation
- Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate
- Spirit Lake Dakota Nation
- Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
- Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation
- Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa
- Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska
- Yankton Sioux Tribe

Providing Care in the Dakotas, Nebraska and Iowa

The Indian Health Service (IHS) Great Plains Area, headquartered in Aberdeen, SD, provides health services to approximately 120,000 American Indians and Alaska Natives in North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Iowa. An agency of the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), IHS offers health care professionals an unparalleled opportunity to provide comprehensive, patient-centered care in a variety of disciplines and settings.

The Area's 23 IHS and Tribally managed Service Units include hospitals, health centers, health stations and satellite clinics that provide inpatient and outpatient care, including preventive and curative health care services.

The facilities' approximately 2,600 employees include 134 Physicians, more than 500 Registered Nurses, 42 Nurse Practitioners, 31 Physician Assistants, 21 Psychologists, 22 Social Workers, 103 Pharmacists, 15 Optometrists, 42 Dentists and a host of other health professionals. The Area operates an active research effort through its Epidemiology Program. Research projects deal with diabetes, cardiovascular disease, cancer and the application of health risk appraisals in all communities.

The Great Plains' vast prairies and abundant waterways are home to 16 Tribal reservations: Eight in South Dakota, four in North Dakota, three in Nebraska and one in Iowa. Three facilities serve Indian populations living outside of reservations; these are in Rapid City, SD; Trenton, ND; and Norfolk, NE.

A World of Opportunities

The Great Plains Area is hiring! Positions are available in many medical, professional and administrative specialties. New hires can expect competitive salaries, a full range of benefits and, in some cases, signing bonuses. Many positions also offer relocation incentives and opportunities for government housing.

Health Profession Openings by Discipline

- Advanced Practice Nurses
- Behavioral Health Providers
- Dentists
- Dental Hygienists
- Medical Technologists
- Nurses
- Optometrists
- Pharmacists
- Physicians
- Physician Assistants



IHS Career Paths

Health professionals joining IHS have a choice of three career paths:

Civil Service

Professionals who choose the civil service earn competitive salaries, are eligible for comprehensive federal and retirement benefits and can enjoy significant career flexibility.

Tribal or Urban Indian Programs

Individuals interested in working within Tribal or Urban Indian Programs negotiate compensation and benefits directly with the program in which they seek to work. Openings are available in both urban and rural areas.

US Public Health Service (USPHS) Commissioned Corps

One of the seven uniformed services of the United States, the Commissioned Corps offers the opportunity to serve our nation in uniform as a health professional in certain disciplines. The Commissioned Corps is comprised of highly qualified public health professionals protecting, promoting and advancing the health and safety of the nation. Approximately 2,000 Commissioned Corps officers currently serve within IHS. Commissioned Corps officers are eligible for military retirement benefits.

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

Peace of Mind — IHS Loan Repayment Program

The IHS Loan Repayment Program (LRP) will repay up to \$40,000 for IHS clinicians' eligible health profession education loans in exchange for an initial two-year service commitment to practice in health facilities serving American Indian and Alaska Native communities. You can extend your service commitment one year at a time until all qualified loans are paid.



Great Plains Area

Facility locations and major cities

Name	City/State	Type
Fort Thompson Service Unit	Fort Thompson, SD	Health Center
Kyle Health Center	Kyle, SD	Health Center
Lower Brule Service Unit	Lower Brule, SD	Health Center
McLaughlin Health Center	McLaughlin, SD	Health Center
Wanblee Health Center	Wanblee, SD	Health Center
Woodrow Wilson Keeble Memorial Health Care Center (WWKMHCC)	Sisseton, SD	Health Center
Yankton Service Unit	Wagner, SD	Health Center
Cheyenne River Service Unit	Eagle Butte, SD	Hospital
Pine Ridge Service Unit	Pine Ridge, SD	Hospital
Rapid City Service Unit	Rapid City, SD	Hospital
Rosebud Service Unit	Rosebud, SD	Hospital
Standing Rock Service Unit	Fort Yates, ND	Hospital
Turtle Mountain Service Unit	Belcourt, ND	Hospital
Winnebago Service Unit	Winnebago, NE	Hospital
Elbowoods Memorial Health Center	New Town, ND	Tribal Health Center
Flandreau Service Unit	Flandreau, SD	Tribal Health Center
Omaha Service Unit	Omaha, NE	Tribal Health Center
Ponca Service Unit	Norfolk, NE	Tribal Health Center
Sac and Fox Service Unit	Tama, IA	Tribal Health Center
Santee Service Unit	Santee, NE	Tribal Health Center
Spirit Lake Service Unit	Fort Totten, ND	Tribal Health Center
Trenton Community Health Clinic	Trenton, ND	Tribal Health Center
Great Plains Youth Regional Treatment Center	Mobridge, SD	Youth Treatment Center

Learn more about health profession opportunities in the Great Plains Area, visit www.ihs.gov/GreatPlains.

Discover a Work/Life Balance

Health professionals living and working in the Great Plains Area will find themselves surrounded by nature — and some of the most breathtaking scenery in the United States. You'll interact daily with Native communities, where you will learn about Tribal heritage and customs, experience community gatherings and Tribal ceremonies and gain cultural insight into American Indian and Alaska Native beliefs and values.

In your leisure time, you'll discover a wealth of outdoor recreation and family activities within easy reach. From the farms and fields of the Eastern Great Plains Area to the rugged landscapes of the Western Dakotas, there's great geographic diversity — and abundant opportunities for fishing and boating along miles of shoreline, as well as hiking, camping and cycling.

Explore landmark attractions such as Mount Rushmore and Theodore Roosevelt National Park and drive the Native American Scenic Byway, which winds across five reservations and through 450 miles of Tribal lands.

Living in the Great Plains means relaxing into a spacious, low-key lifestyle, getting to know your colleagues, patients and neighbors and enjoying the simple pleasures of nature and daily living. You'll marvel at the vast seas of prairie grass and watch brilliant crimson sunsets spread across a wide-open sky. And at night when you look up at thousands of stars (especially in places like Badlands National Park, which features some of the darkest skies in the nation) you'll know this is the place to call home.

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Contact a recruiter to learn more about Indian health opportunities in the Great Plains Area

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