



# Indian Health Careers in the Oklahoma City Area

*Opportunity. Adventure. Purpose.*

IHS health professionals who live and work in the Oklahoma City Area enjoy a thriving metropolis with a storied past, countless recreational activities and extensive opportunities for professional fulfillment and cultural enrichment.



## Tribes of Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas

- Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians
- Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town
- Apache Tribe of Oklahoma
- Caddo Nation of Oklahoma
- Cherokee Nation
- Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
- Citizen Potawatomi Nation
- Comanche Nation
- Delaware Nation
- Delaware Tribe of Indians
- Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
- Fort Sill Apache Tribe of Oklahoma
- Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska
- Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma
- Kaw Nation
- Kialegee Tribal Town
- Kickapoo Tribe of Indians of the Kickapoo Reservation in Kansas
- Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma
- Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas
- Kiowa Indian Tribe of Oklahoma
- Miami Tribe of Oklahoma
- The Modoc Tribe of Oklahoma
- The Muscogee (Creek) Nation
- Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma
- Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Indians
- Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma
- Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
- Ponca Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
- Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
- The Quapaw Tribe of Indians
- Sac & Fox Nation
- Sac & Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska
- The Seminole Nation of Oklahoma
- Seneca-Cayuga Nation
- Shawnee Tribe
- The Chickasaw Nation
- The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
- The Osage Nation
- Thlopthlocco Tribal Town
- Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
- United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma
- Wichita and Affiliated Tribes (Wichita, Keechi, Waco and Tawakonie)
- Wyandotte Nation

*For most Oklahoma City Area clinicians, opportunities to enjoy sweeping plains, winding rivers and scenic routes are just minutes away.*

## Providing Care in Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas

The Oklahoma City Area Indian Health Service (IHS) serves the states of Oklahoma, Kansas and portions of Texas. Home to more than 40 Tribes and Tribal Organizations, many Tribes operate their own health programs, including large-scale hospitals, smaller preventive care programs and Behavioral Health programs.

The partnerships and cooperation among the Tribes, IHS federal and Urban Indian Programs is a unique characteristic of the Oklahoma City Area — a collective effort that ensures the health care needs of the Area and its local communities are nurtured and fulfilled. In the Oklahoma City Area, Tribal facilities are viewed as leaders in health care and the provision of care. IHS federal and Tribal programs have developed innovative facilities offering comprehensive health systems for American Indians and Alaska Natives. The Area is also home to Urban Clinics that are Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) that provide ambulatory outpatient health care to urban communities.

The Area benefits from its own Office of Environmental Health and Engineering, which aims to prevent and reduce diseases and injuries among its patient population. In consultation with the Tribes, the Oklahoma City Area Office of Environmental Health and Engineering eliminates health hazards in homes and communities, conducts engineering activities to design and construct water and sewer systems, provides training and technical assistance for the operation and maintenance of sanitation facilities and manages the biomedical engineering support at IHS federal and Tribal health care facilities.

## A World of Opportunities

The Oklahoma City Area IHS is seeking dedicated health professionals for its hospitals and clinics in Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas. You will not only have an opportunity to care for patients from culturally diverse backgrounds, but also be a part of a motivated and highly competent health care team serving a vital mission. IHS offers competitive salaries, a full range of benefits and, in some cases, signing bonuses. Many positions also offer relocation incentives.

### Health Profession Openings by Discipline

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

*IHS health professionals work in team-based environments and interact with many different disciplines on a daily basis, improving the quality of health care delivery and building strong partnerships with both their colleagues and the people they serve.*



## **IHS Career Options**

IHS offers clinicians a choice of three options to practice their specific health profession discipline: working as a federal civil service employee, as an Officer in the Commissioned Corps of the US Public Health Service (USPHS) or directly for a Tribal or Urban Indian Program. Each of these options offers career flexibility, competitive salaries and benefits and ample opportunity for advancement.

### **Federal Civil Service**

Professionals who choose to work in the federal civil service earn competitive salaries and are eligible for comprehensive federal and retirement benefits. They also enjoy significant career flexibility, eligibility for advancement and can transfer throughout IHS facilities while still maintaining their benefits.

### **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.

### **Tribal or Urban Indian Programs**

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

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

## Did you know that you can pay off your health profession loans through our Loan Repayment Programs?

The IHS Loan Repayment Program (LRP) offers health professionals practicing at Indian health facilities an opportunity to pay off all of their eligible health education student loans in addition to receiving competitive salaries and benefits. Participants are eligible to receive up to \$20,000 per year and can extend their contract annually until all of their loans are paid off. Pursue the opportunity to build your career with IHS and work as part of an interdisciplinary team of health professionals, while gaining the financial freedom to live and work within some of the most picturesque settings in the country.

Additionally, the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Loan Repayment Program (LRP) offers primary care providers up to \$50,000 for a two-year service commitment to work at an approved NHSC site in a high-need, underserved area. Like IHS, NHSC LRP recipients can obtain additional loan repayment by extending their service.



# Oklahoma City Area

## Facility Locations and Major Cities

Name	City/State	Type
Absentee Shawnee Health Center	Shawnee, OK	Tribal Health Center
Ardmore Health Center	Ardmore, OK	Tribal Health Center
Atoka Choctaw Nation Health Center	Atoka, OK	Tribal Health Center
Bearskin Health Center	Wyandotte, OK	Tribal Health Center
Black Hawk Health Center	Stroud, OK	Tribal Health Center
Cherokee Nation A-Mo Health Center	Salina, OK	Tribal Health Center
Cherokee Nation Cooweescoowee Health Center	Ochelata, OK	Tribal Health Center
Cherokee Nation Redbird Smith Health Center	Sallisaw, OK	Tribal Health Center
Cherokee Nation Sam Hider Community Clinic	Jay, OK	Tribal Health Center
Cherokee Nation Three Rivers Health Center	Muskogee, OK	Tribal Health Center
Cherokee Nation Vinita Health Center	Vinita, OK	Tribal Health Center
Cherokee Nation Will Rogers Health Center	Nowata, OK	Tribal Health Center
Cherokee Nation Wilma P. Mankiller Health Center	Stilwell, OK	Tribal Health Center
Citizen Potawatomi Health Center	Shawnee, OK	Tribal Health Center
Citizen Potawatomi Nation West Clinic	Shawnee, OK	Tribal Health Center
Durant Regional Medical Clinic	Durant, OK	Tribal Health Center
Eagle Pass Health Center	Eagle Pass, TX	Tribal Health Center
Eufaula Health Center	Eufaula, OK	Tribal Health Center
Idabel Health Center	Idabel, OK	Tribal Health Center
Kanza Health Center	Newkirk, OK	Tribal Health Center
Kickapoo Health Center	Horton, KS	Tribal Health Center
Kickapoo Health Center	McLoud, OK	Tribal Health Center
Koweta Health Center	Coweta, OK	Tribal Health Center
Little Axe Health Center	Little Axe, OK	Tribal Health Center
McAlester Health Center	McAlester, OK	Tribal Health Center
Northeastern Tribal Health System	Miami, OK	Tribal Health Center
Okmulgee Health Center	Okmulgee, OK	Tribal Health Center
Perkins Family Clinic	Perkins, OK	Tribal Health Center
Potawatomi Nation Health & Wellness Center	Holton, KS	Tribal Health Center
Purcell Health Center	Purcell, OK	Tribal Health Center
Rubin White Health Clinic	Poteau, OK	Tribal Health Center
Sapulpa Health Center	Sapulpa, OK	Tribal Health Center
Stigler Choctaw Health Center	Stigler, OK	Tribal Health Center

Tishomingo Health Center	Tishomingo, OK	Tribal Health Center
Wah-Zha-Zhi Health Center	Pawhuska, OK	Tribal Health Center
Wetumka Indian Health Center	Wetumka, OK	Tribal Health Center
White Eagle Health Center	Ponca City, OK	Tribal Health Center
Cherokee Nation WW Hastings Hospital	Tahlequah, OK	Tribal Hospital
Chickasaw Nation Medical Center	Ada, OK	Tribal Hospital
Choctaw Nation Indian Hospital	Talihina, OK	Tribal Hospital
Creek Nation Community Hospital	Okemah, OK	Tribal Hospital
Muscogee Creek Nation Medical Center	Okmulgee, OK	Tribal Hospital
Anadarko Health Center	Anadarko, OK	Health Center
Carnegie Health Center	Carnegie, OK	Health Center
Clinton Indian Health Center	Clinton, OK	Health Center
El Reno Health Center	El Reno, OK	Health Center
Haskell Health Center	Lawrence, KS	Health Center
Pawnee Health Center	Pawnee, OK	Health Center
Watonga Health Center	Watonga, OK	Health Center
Wewoka Indian Health Center	Wewoka, OK	Health Center
White Cloud Health Station	White Cloud, KS	Health Center
Claremore Hospital	Claremore, OK	Hospital
Lawton Hospital	Lawton, OK	Hospital
Muscogee Creek Nation Physical Rehabilitation Center	Okmulgee, OK	Hospital
Hunter Health Center	Wichita, KS	Urban Health Center
Indian Health Care Resource Health Center	Tulsa, OK	Urban Health Center
Oklahoma City Indian Clinic	Oklahoma City, OK	Urban Health Center
Urban Inter-Tribal Center of Texas	Dallas, TX	Urban Health Center

Learn more about health profession opportunities in the Oklahoma City Area, visit [www.ihs.gov/OklahomaCity](http://www.ihs.gov/OklahomaCity).



## Discover a Work/Life Balance

Whether you're just beginning a career in medicine or you've been practicing for years, the Oklahoma City Area provides all clinicians an opportunity to enjoy fulfilling careers and active lifestyles. While most facilities are located within rural areas, health professionals here enjoy numerous recreational activities while having a metropolitan city to explore nearby.

*The Oklahoma City Area offers clinicians the best of both worlds: while practicing in rural settings, they have ample opportunity for recreational pursuits right at their doorstep or they can visit the thriving downtown of Oklahoma City nearby.*

With a population of approximately 2 million people, the Oklahoma City Area is a lively destination that boasts a wealth of museums, performing arts venues and shopping. Sports enthusiasts have ample opportunities for spectator sports with local NBA, minor league baseball and professional soccer teams. Both Oklahoma State University and the University of Oklahoma have reputations as collegiate powerhouses and Oklahoma City is home to the National Softball Hall of Fame, the College Softball World Series and the World Cup Softball Tournament.



For those who enjoy outdoor activities, hiking, biking, fishing, kayaking and hunting are just minutes away. Take a camping trip to the Wichita Mountains or visit the Wichita Wildlife Refuge. Head southeast to Robbers Cave State Park and to Beavers Bend Resort Park or drive along the iconic Route 66 and enjoy the many points of interest along the way. Weekend getaways to Tulsa, Kansas City and Dallas are all just a few hours away.

Families thrive in the Oklahoma City Area with professional opportunities for spousal employment and both public and private school options for children. Family-friendly activities include the Oklahoma City Riverwalk, National Cowboy Hall of Fame, Cherokee Heritage Center and Riversport Adventures Oklahoma City, where families can enjoy kayaking, paddle boarding, rafting, tubing and cycling.

Not surprisingly, many health professionals who relocate to the Area find serving the American Indian patient population to be a rewarding long-term career option for themselves and a culturally enriching experience for their families.



**Contact a recruiter to learn more about Indian health opportunities in the Oklahoma City Area**

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