



# Indian Health Careers in the Navajo Area

*Opportunity. Adventure. Purpose.*

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



## Tribes of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah

- Navajo
- Zuni
- Hopi
- Acoma

## Providing Care in Arizona, New Mexico and Utah

As one of the largest Indian reservations in the United States, the Navajo Nation consists of more than 25,000 contiguous square miles and three satellite communities, extending into portions of the states of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah.

The Navajo Area Indian Health Service (NAIHS) delivers health care services to a population of more than 244,000 American Indians. While the Navajo Area of IHS is primarily responsible for the delivery of health care to members of the Navajo Nation and Southern Band of San Juan Paiutes, they also serve members of the Zuni and Hopi Tribes.

NAIHS ensures access to quality and culturally acceptable health care through inpatient and outpatient care and community health programs centered around six hospitals, eight health centers and a number of health stations. The Area also provides health care through an Urban Indian Program and five Tribal health care corporations.

*Health professionals living and working in the Navajo Area will find themselves surrounded by nature — and some of the most breathtaking scenery in the United States.*

## A World of Opportunities

Do you have a passion for serving rural and underserved communities? The Navajo Area is hiring dedicated, compassionate and highly skilled health professionals who seek to make a difference in the lives of their patients and within the communities they serve. IHS offers 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

- Medical Officer
- Physician Assistant
- Dentist
- Social Worker
- Pharmacist
- Nurse Practitioner
- Registered Nurse
- Nurse Specialist
- Nurse Anesthetist
- Nurse Midwife
- Clinical Psychologist
- Optometrist
- Podiatrist
- Physical Therapist
- Speech Pathologist
- Occupational Therapist
- Diagnostic Radiologic Technologist
- Respiratory Therapist

*IHS offers a wide range of health profession opportunities in the Navajo Area. Enjoy a unique work/life balance that provides rich rewards and ample time for family and recreational activities.*



## **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 an 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 Tribal or Urban Indian Programs 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 IHS 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.



# Navajo Area

## Facility Locations and Major Cities

Name	City/State	Type
Dzilh-Na-O-Dith-Hle Health Center	Bloomfield, NM	Health Center
Four Corners Regional Health Center	Red Mesa, AZ	Health Center
Inscription House Health Center	Tonalea, AZ	Health Center
Kayenta Health Center	Kayenta, AZ	Health Center
Nahata' Dzlil Health Center	Sanders, AZ	Health Center
Pinon Health Center	Pinon, AZ	Health Center
Tohatchi Health Center	Tohatchi, NM	Health Center
Tsaile Health Center	Tsaile, AZ	Health Center
Chinle Comprehensive Health Care Facility	Chinle, AZ	Hospital
Crownpoint Health Care Facility	Crownpoint, NM	Hospital
Gallup Indian Medical Center	Gallup, NM	Hospital
Northern Navajo Medical Center	Shiprock, NM	Hospital
Tsehootsooi Medical Center	Fort Defiance, AZ	Tribal Hospital
Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation	Tuba City, AZ	Hospital

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

## Discover a Work/Life Balance

Often referred to as “vacation land,” the Navajo Area is within half a day’s drive of more than a dozen national parks and monuments, including the Grand Canyon, the popular Primitive Trail, which leads to the Navajo and Partition Arches, and Bryce and Zion National Parks. The nearest large cities are Flagstaff, Sedona, Phoenix and Albuquerque. Health professionals living and working in the Navajo Area enjoy a unique and varying climate that provides opportunities for all forms of recreational activities nearby, including biking, rock climbing, trail running, hiking, white water rafting and skiing.

National landmarks such as Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park, Canyon de Chelly National Monument and the scenic Pyramid Rock Trail offer fantastic scenery and recreational opportunities. Family day trips to local museums, trading posts and parks offer something for everyone. Spend your weekends relaxing at a bed and breakfast in Red Valley, AZ, camping at Little Colorado River Gorge or staying in a traditional eight-sided, one room home called a “hogan.”

*In the Navajo Area, you’ll live among some of the most photographed scenery in the United States, with volcanic plugs and cinder cones, domes of rock that form mountains and meandering streams that have carved canyons over hundreds of years.*

As a health professional serving in the Navajo Area, you’ll interact daily with Native communities, where you’ll not only learn about Tribal heritage and customs, you’ll gain unique insight into traditional Navajo life. What’s more, you’ll find that the Navajo culture is rich in ceremony and that Navajo people put great emphasis on family and respect. Many IHS clinicians in the Navajo Area make it a priority to provide a balance between traditional and Western medicine.

There are many opportunities for housing within the Area, including IHS-sponsored housing. Schools offer public and K–12 education, as well as undergraduate degree and certificate programs.

The rich culture of the Navajo people makes the Navajo Area one of the most interesting locations to live and work in the United States, and the scenic desert plateau will remind you daily that your new home is one of the most beautiful places in the world.





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

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