



Extensive opportunities for professional and personal enrichment, such as enjoying sunsets sweeping over hollowed canyons and sloping mesas.



Albuquerque Area Indian Health Careers

Opportunity. Adventure. Purpose.






The background image shows ancient cliff dwellings, likely Anasazi or Puebloan, built into the sandstone walls of a desert canyon. The dwellings are multi-story structures with small, rectangular windows and doorways. Some parts of the buildings are still standing, while others are in ruins. The surrounding landscape is arid, with sparse green shrubs and trees in the foreground and on the canyon walls. The lighting suggests a bright, sunny day, casting shadows that highlight the textures of the rock and the architecture.

Tribes of New Mexico, Colorado and Texas

Acoma Pueblo • Alamo Band of Navajo • Cochiti Pueblo • Isleta Pueblo • Jemez Pueblo Jicarilla Apache Nation • Laguna Pueblo • Mescalero Apache • Nambe Pueblo • Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo • Picuris Pueblo • Pojoaque Pueblo • Ramah Band of Navajo • Sandia Pueblo • San Felipe Pueblo • San Ildefonso Pueblo • Santa Ana Pueblo • Santa Clara Pueblo • Santo Domingo Pueblo • Southern Ute • Taos Pueblo • Tesuque Pueblo • To'Hajiilee Band of Navajo • Ute Mountain Ute • Ysleta del Sur Pueblo • Zia Pueblo • Zuni Pueblo

A wide-angle aerial photograph captures a massive gathering of hot air balloons. The balloons, in various shapes and sizes with patterns like stripes, checks, and solid colors, are scattered across a bright blue sky with wispy white clouds. Below them, a lush green valley is bisected by a winding river. In the distance, a range of rugged mountains stretches across the horizon. The overall scene is vibrant and festive, typical of a hot air balloon festival.

Whether you enjoy soaring in hot air balloons or exploring deep, winding canyons, the Albuquerque Area offers countless outdoor activities for health clinicians and their families.

Providing Care in New Mexico, Colorado and Texas

Headquartered in Albuquerque, NM, the Indian Health Service area serves more than 84,000 American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Tribes of the Albuquerque Area include 20 Pueblos, two Apache Tribes, three bands of the Navajo Nation and two Ute Tribes. Each Tribe is culturally distinct with its own sovereign government, relationships and cultural identity. Respecting the sovereignty of each Tribe is of critical importance in providing health and prevention services in the Albuquerque Area.

The Albuquerque Area delivers care through four hospitals, 11 health centers and 12 field clinics that are administratively divided into 10 Service Units. Two urban health centers also deliver care to patients in Albuquerque and Denver. The New Sunrise Regional Treatment Center provides residential treatment services for Native youth with substance abuse problems. And the Albuquerque Indian Dental Clinic provides dental services for children, teens and young adults. Tribal members who live, work or go to school in the urban centers of the Area also have access to IHS-operated health facilities.

As you search for the right opportunity, we will help you investigate an Indian health career option before you make this major life decision. If professional fulfillment, quality of life and providing service to a highly appreciative community are important to your career plans, then consider joining the dedicated public health professionals in the federal, Tribal and Urban Indian health programs of the Albuquerque Area IHS. We offer opportunities to work in an integrated health care system on a multidisciplinary team that puts our patients first while earning a competitive salary and exceptional benefits. Best of all, you will be working with patients who are greatly appreciative of your services.

Photo Left: Hot air balloons at the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. Right photos top to bottom: An IHS health professional offers guidance to a young Santo Domingo Pueblo girl at the Santa Fe Service Unit. Ancient adobe homes in the Native American Taos Pueblo reservation outside Taos, NM. IHS health professionals with a patient at Jicarilla Service Unit, Dulce, NM.





A World of Opportunities

IHS 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. IHS offers competitive salaries, a full range of benefits and in some cases, recruitment incentives. Some locations also offer government housing.

Health Profession Openings by Discipline

- Behavioral Health Providers
- Dental Hygienists
- Dentists
- Dietitians
- Laboratory Technicians
- Medical Technologists
- Nurse Practitioners
- Nurses
- Optometrists
- Pharmacists
- Physical Therapists
- Physician Assistants
- Physicians
- Podiatrists
- Radiology Technologists

Pay and Benefits

While salary is an important consideration, IHS provides many other forms of compensation that significantly contribute to your overall experience and make IHS a competitive employer. This concept of “Total Compensation” includes not only salary, but also the benefits, awards, leave, retirement and other incentives you may receive as part of a rewarding work environment. These are just some of the many ways that IHS recognizes employee contributions. In some cases, signing bonuses and/or relocation incentives are available.

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



Photo Left: A young American Indian girl on an exam table while a nurse listens to her heart, a team of health professionals posing for the camera, two pharmacists smiling for the camera.

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.

Photo right: Young health professionals are attracted to the financial freedom of the IHS LRP.



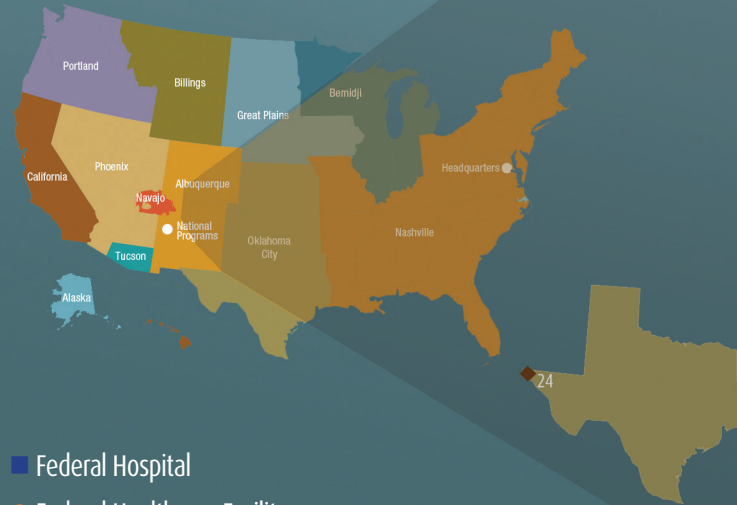
Did you know that you can pay off your health profession loans through our Loan Repayment Programs?

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 \$25,000 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.

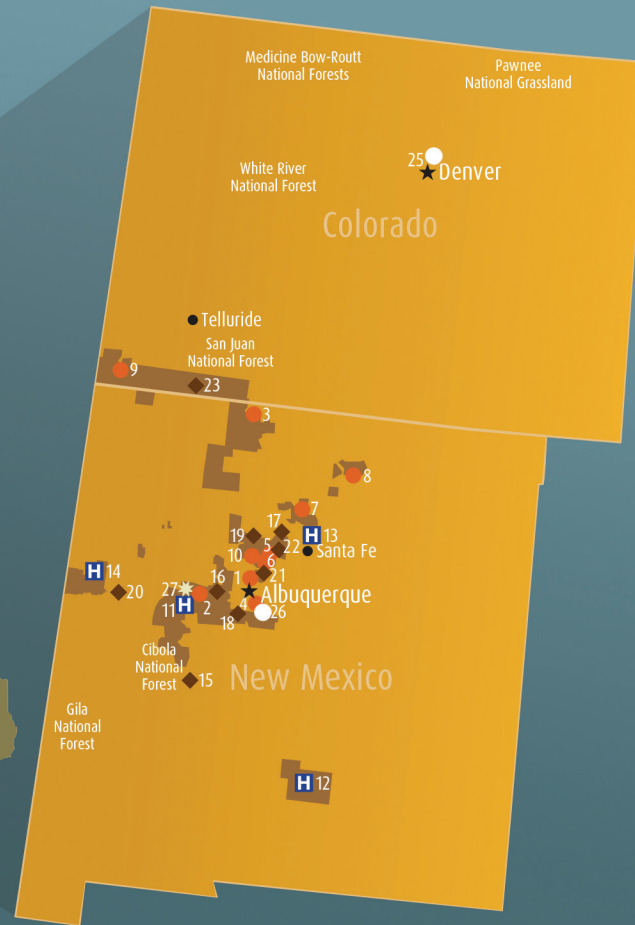
Additionally, the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Loan Repayment Program (LRP) offers primary care providers up to \$75,000 for a two-year service commitment to work at an approved NHSC site in a high-need, underserved area. Like IHS, NHSC LRP recipients can obtain additional loan repayment by extending their service.

Albuquerque Area

Facility Locations, Major Cities and Attractions



- Federal Hospital
- Federal Healthcare Facility
- ◆ Tribal Healthcare Facility
- Urban Indian Organization Facility
- ★ Youth Treatment Center
- American Indian Reservation



- 1 ● Albuquerque Indian Dental Clinic Albuquerque
- 2 ● Laguna Dental Clinic Laguna Pueblo
- 3 ● Jicarilla Apache Health Care Facility Dulce
- 4 ● Albuquerque Indian Health Center Albuquerque
- 5 ● San Felipe Health Clinic San Felipe Pueblo
- 6 ● Santa Ana Health Clinic Santa Ana Pueblo
- 7 ● Santa Clara Health Clinic Santa Clara Pueblo
- 8 ● Taos/Picuris Health Center Taos Pueblo
- 9 ● Ute Mountain Ute Health Center Towaoc
- 10 ● Zia Health Clinic Zia Pueblo
- 11 ■ Acoma/Canoncito/Laguna (ACL) Indian Hospital Acoma
- 12 ■ Mescalero Indian Hospital Mescalero
- 13 ■ Santa Fe Indian Hospital Santa Fe
- 14 ■ Zuni Comprehensive Community Health Care Zuni Pueblo
- 15 ◆ Alamo Navajo Health Center Alamo

- 16 ◆ Canoncito (To'Hajiilee) Health Center To'Hajiilee
- 17 ◆ Cochiti Health Clinic Cochiti Pueblo
- 18 ◆ Isleta Health Center Isleta Pueblo
- 19 ◆ Jemez Health Center Jemez Pueblo
- 20 ◆ Ramah Navajo Health Center Pine Hill
- 21 ◆ Sandia Health Center Sandia Pueblo
- 22 ◆ Santo Domingo Health Center (Kewa Pueblo Health Corp. [KPHC]) Santo Domingo Pueblo
- 23 ◆ Southern Colorado Ute Health Center Ignacio
- 24 ◆ Ysleta Del Sur Community Health Center El Paso
- 25 ● Denver Indian Health and Family Services Denver
- 26 ● First Nations Community Health Source Albuquerque
- 27 ★ New Sunrise Regional Treatment Center Acoma, NM Youth Treatment Center



Discover a Work/Life Balance

Living and working in the Albuquerque Area entails providing care while enjoying abundant recreation activities against a backdrop of soaring mesas and the sweeping beauty of the high desert. While many health facilities are located in rural areas, vibrant cities such as Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Taos are only a weekend trip away.

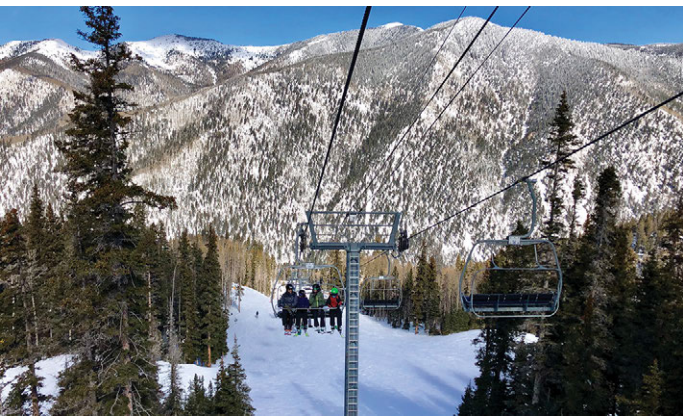
Truly a four-season location, the Albuquerque Area offers an array of national parks and open city spaces. Outdoor activities include hiking, horseback riding, skiing, fly-fishing, whitewater rafting, sightseeing, ballooning and more. Both Albuquerque and Santa Fe boast world-renowned arts scenes. Santa Fe alone has nearly 300 art galleries and dealers and is ranked as the country's third-largest art market featuring culture, history and traditions of the region and the world.

Community-oriented and an ideal place to raise a family, the Area offers plenty of educational options, as well as accessibility to local amenities and businesses, family-friendly activities and places of worship. The Gathering of Nations, Pueblo Feast Days and the Santa Fe Indian Market attract visitors from all over the country each year.

What's most unique to the Area is an ethnic blend of cultures, including diverse architectural influences evidenced by the Native Pueblo communities throughout the Southwest. The rich history of the Area can best be explored through the New Mexico Museum of Natural History, Albuquerque Biological Park, Bio Park Botanic Garden, Petroglyph's National Monument, Old Town and the Rio Grande Zoo.

Additionally, members of the USPHS Commissioned Corps have full access to services on the Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque. College students can choose from a number of nearby schools, including the University of New Mexico, Central New Mexico Community College and Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute.

Photos top to bottom: Two kids hiking in the high desert mountains. IHS therapist and patient. Enjoying skiing at Taos Ski Valley, NM.



A photograph of a desert canyon with layered rock walls and a clear blue sky. The canyon walls are made of light-colored, horizontally layered rock, showing signs of erosion. The sky is a clear, pale blue. The foreground is a rough, rocky path.

Living in the Albuquerque Area means adventuring throughout desert mesas, mountains and canyons that have inspired artists for centuries.

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Contact a recruiter to learn more!

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