283—14.1(261) Definitions.

"Eligible institution" means an institution of higher learning governed by the state board of regents, a community college established under Iowa Code chapter 260C, or an accredited private institution as defined in Iowa Code section 261.9. Eligible institutions seeking to participate must complete an application provided by the commission and agree to place health care professionals in eligible rural communities.

"Eligible rural community" means a medically underserved rural Iowa city with a population of less than 26,000 that is located more than 20 miles from a city with a population of 50,000 or more. Locations and distances between cities will be consistently measured and verified by calculating the shortest travel distance on paved roads.

"Health care professional" means an individual who holds a practitioner's license issued by an agency or board under the Iowa department of public health and is employed as an advanced registered nurse practitioner, athletic trainer, occupational therapist, physician, physician assistant, podiatrist, physical therapist, or registered nurse.

"Matching funds" means at least a dollar-for-dollar loan repayment match to the state health care professional recruitment program award.

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