

**283—26.2(261) Definitions.** As used in this chapter:

*“Advanced registered nurse practitioner”* means an individual who graduated from an accredited graduate or postgraduate advanced practice educational program, is licensed by the board of nursing as a registered nurse, is licensed by the board of nursing as an advanced registered nurse practitioner, and is employed as an advanced registered nurse practitioner in an eligible service commitment area.

*“Nurse educator”* means a registered nurse who holds a master’s or doctorate degree and is employed by an Iowa community college, an accredited private institution defined in Iowa Code section 261.9, or an institution of higher learning governed by the state board of regents as a faculty member who teaches nursing as provided in 655—Chapter 2 at a nursing program approved by the board of nursing pursuant to Iowa Code section 152.5.

*“Physician assistant”* means an individual who graduated with a master’s degree, holds a practitioner’s license to practice as a physician assistant pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 148C, and is employed as a physician assistant in an eligible service commitment area.

*“Qualified student loan”* means a loan that was made, insured, or guaranteed under Title IV of the federal Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, or under Title VII or VIII of the federal Public Health Service Act, as amended, directly to the borrower for attendance at an approved postsecondary institution. Only the outstanding portion of a federal consolidation loan that was used to repay a qualified student loan qualifies for loan repayment. A recipient who refinances a qualified student loan by obtaining a private educational loan may continue to receive loan repayment awards.

*“Registered nurse”* means a nurse who is licensed by the board of nursing as a registered nurse and is employed as a registered nurse in an eligible service commitment area.

*“Service commitment area”* means a city in Iowa 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.

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