

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS LEADING TO LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION, OR REGISTRATION IN HEALTH OCCUPATIONS DETERMINED TO BE IN SHORT SUPPLY.

(3) "ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION" MEANS AN INSTITUTION OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION THAT:

(I) IS APPROVED TO OPERATE BY THE MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION; AND

(II) PRODUCES GRADUATES ELIGIBLE TO TAKE THE APPROPRIATE NATIONAL EXAMINATION FOR LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION, OR REGISTRATION IN THE RELEVANT HEALTH OCCUPATION DETERMINED TO BE IN SHORT SUPPLY.

(4) "HEALTH OCCUPATION" MEANS A:

(I) PHYSICAL THERAPIST;

(II) OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST;

(III) RADIOGRAPHER;

(IV) RESPIRATORY THERAPIST;

(V) LABORATORY TECHNICIAN; ~~OR~~

(VI) MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST; ~~OR~~

(VII) PHARMACIST; OR

(VIII) REGISTERED NURSE OR LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE.

(B) (1) THERE IS A HEALTH MANPOWER SHORTAGE INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM FOR ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS.

(2) THE STATE SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADMINISTER THE GRANT PROGRAM AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.

(3) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE GRANT PROGRAM.

(C) AN ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION IS QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE A GRANT UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE INSTITUTION:

(1) HAS AN APPROVED EDUCATION PROGRAM LEADING TO LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION, OR REGISTRATION IN A HEALTH OCCUPATION DETERMINED TO BE IN SHORT SUPPLY; AND

(2) FUNDS THE APPROVED EDUCATION PROGRAM AT AN AMOUNT NOT LESS THAN THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR.