

Site-Based Clinical Training Grant (SBCT) Application Information

Description of the SBCT Grant:

The Site-Based Clinical Training Grant is authorized under [Minnesota Statute Sec. 144.1508](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/144.1508) (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/144.1508>). It is administered by the Minnesota Department of Health Office of Rural Health and Primary Care. The purpose of the grant is to support clinical health care training in Minnesota.

Funding and how grants are determined:

Funding	Estimate
FY 2026 (for FY2024 clinical training)	\$4,657,000
Estimated Number of Awards	Unknown
Estimated Award Maximum	Unknown
Estimated award Minimum	Unknown

Grants are determined based on eligibility criteria, formula, and Commissioner priorities.

The grant was funded for the first time in fiscal year 2024 for clinical training that occurred in fiscal year 2022. Commissioner priorities were 1) rural primary care and 2) oral health, whether the training occurred in rural or urban sites.

Rural was determined using the county data on record for the site’s enrollment in the Minnesota Health Care Program (MHCP) and defined as counties outside the seven (7) metropolitan counties. Primary care was determined utilizing fiscal year 2022 data submitted to the [Medical Education and Research Costs \(MERC\) program](https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/ruralhealth/merc/index.html) (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/ruralhealth/merc/index.html>) by Minnesota teaching programs.

Questions and Communication:

Submit questions in writing no later than **4:30 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST), on September 25, 2025**, to ClinicalTraining.MDH@state.mn.us. Identify the Application ID Number and Clinical Training Site Name in all correspondence.

Application Process:

- The SBCT Grant will follow the [MERC timeline, application workflow, funding workflow \(https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/ruralhealth/merc/mcapinfo.html\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/ruralhealth/merc/mcapinfo.html). The application will be completed in the [Online Portal \(https://merc.web.health.state.mn.us/index.xhtml\)](https://merc.web.health.state.mn.us/index.xhtml) due to the close alignment to the MERC grant.
- Training sites must either be enrolled in the Minnesota Health Care Program and provide Medicaid (MA/PMAP) to Minnesota residents or provide sliding fee services to Minnesota residents. Contact ClinicalTraining.MDH@state.mn.us for initial guidance if the site is not enrolled in the MHCP.
- Refer to the [Clinical Training Site MERC Grant Application Instructions \(https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/ruralhealth/merc/mcapinfo.html\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/ruralhealth/merc/mcapinfo.html) for further details as you are completing your SBCT application.
- Read below for the Site-Based Clinical Training Grant (SBCT) eligibility and SBCT specific application instructions. Follow any on-screen prompts related to SBCT.

Eligible Applicants:

Refer to the MERC Grant Application Instructions for eligibility requirements under a Minnesota teaching program and sponsoring institution. Distinctions for the SBCT grant are as follows:

1. Minnesota Clinical Training Site definition:
 - a. Where students/residents gain clinical training experience in an inpatient or ambulatory patient care setting in Minnesota. A clinical training site is the Minnesota Health Care Program (MHCP) enrolled practice where training occurred. *If a clinical training site is not enrolled in the Minnesota Health Care Program and does provide sliding fee services, the clinical training site is the physical location where the training occurred.*
2. Minnesota Clinical Training Site Details:
 - a. Training that occurs in a nursing facility (or hospital swing bed unit) is not eligible.
 - b. Training sites must be actively enrolled in the Minnesota Health Care Program (MHCP) *or funded in part by sliding fee scale services.*
 - i. Training sites that are not enrolled in the MHCP but provide sliding fee services may only apply for the Site Based Clinical Training Grant. Contact ClinicalTraining.MDH@state.mn.us for initial guidance.
 - c. Training sites face increased financial pressure as a result of competition with nonteaching patient care entities; and

- d. Training sites emphasize primary care or specialties that are in undersupply in rural or underserved areas of Minnesota based on Commissioner priorities.
- e. A Minnesota clinical training site hosting a clinical medical education program for advanced practice nursing is eligible, if the program meets the eligibility requirements in items 2.b., 2.c., and 2.d., and is sponsored by the University of Minnesota Academic Health Center, the Mayo Foundation, or an institution that is part of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system or members of the Minnesota Private College Council.
- f. There is no minimum clinical training FTE requirement for the SBCT grant.
- g. Clinic training sites only applying for the SBCT grant will not submit an expenditure report. There is no minimum clinical training expenditures requirement.

Clinical Training Site Demographics Managed by Representative:

If the site is applying in the current grant period for the SBCT grant, be prepared to provide information for the following:

- Is the site applying for a Site-Based Clinical Training Grant for fiscal year 2024 clinical training?
- Is the site located inside the Seven-County Metro Area (Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, or Washington) or outside the Seven-County Metro Area?
- If the training site does not have MA/PMAP reimbursement on record with the Minnesota Department of Human Services in 2024, did this site offer a sliding fee scale to Minnesota residents?
- If the site did not provide MA/PMAP in 2024, but offered a sliding fee scale, show the number of patient encounters provided under a sliding fee scale in 2024.
- Upload a PDF of the sliding fee scale offered in 2024.

Grant Verification Reporting (GVR):

After the grant announcement is made, a GVR will be added to the application portal for sites qualifying for the SBCT grant. The GVR will reflect the grant outcome for qualifying sites and the sponsoring institution(s) that will pass through reported funding.

Representatives will be notified by May 15, 2026, if the site is required to verify that funding has been received from the sponsoring institution(s). Selected sites must submit the GVR no later than July 15, 2026.

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