OVERVIEW OF TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD HEALTH PROGRAMS

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Family Practice Residency Program and Joint Admission Medical Program

- **Family Practice Residency Program**

  Funds are allocated based on the certified number of residents training in approved family practice residency programs. The strategy also supports rural and public health rotations. The per resident funding level in fiscal year 2013 was $3,840 and supported 716 residents.

- **Joint Admission Medical Program (JAMP).**

  Funding supports highly qualified, economically disadvantaged students interested in becoming physicians. Students are identified in their freshman year, selected in their sophomore year, and guaranteed admission to a medical school assuming eligibility in the program is maintained. The students receive undergraduate scholarships and summer stipends. Ninety-six undergraduate students were accepted into the program in fiscal year 2012, for a total of 536 students currently participating in the program.
Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program and Physician Education Loan Repayment Program

- **Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program**
  The program consists of three different programs. Funding for the “Regular Program” and the “Under 70 Program” is tied to increases in the number of graduates from professional nursing programs while the “Over 70 Program” is tied to increases in enrollment in professional nursing programs. Allocations for each of the programs is through rider.

- **Physician Education Loan Repayment Program**
  The purpose of the program is to encourage qualified physicians to practice medicine for at least four years in designated health professional shortage areas. The maximum loan repayment amount is $160,000 over the four-year commitment period and funding for the program is through a tax on smokeless tobacco.
Other Trusteed Programs

- **Graduate Medical Education**
  
  The 80th Legislature, 2007, transferred $3 million to the Health Related Institution’s Graduate Medical Education Formula from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's Graduate Medical Education strategy. The strategy's remaining funding was intended for independent primary care residency programs.

- **Primary Care Residency Program**
  
  Funding under this program was limited to Texas primary care residency programs and in fiscal year 2011 provided support for 122 residents in 23 residency programs.

- **Statewide Preceptorship Programs**
  
  Funding under this program was provided to Texas students who completed a month-long experience with a family physician, internist, or pediatrician with the goal of increasing interest in primary care.
Emergency and Trauma Care Education Program (ETEP)

This program was established by Senate Bill 7, 82nd Legislature, First Called Session, and directs the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to administer the program and make grants to emergency and trauma care education partnerships. In 2012-13, $4.5 million from the General Revenue – Dedicated Account No. 5111, Designated Trauma Facility and Emergency Medical Services Account was appropriated to the Department of State Health Services and transferred to the THECB through an interagency contract.
## Texas Higher Education Coordianting Board Health Programs

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*The appropriation for the Professional Nursing Shortage Reduction Program in 2010-11 includes $5 million to support the Nursing Education Center at the University of Texas at Arlington.

**Prior to the 2012-13 Session, appropriations for the Physician Education Loan Repayment program included general revenue and funding through a medical tuition set aside.

Amounts in table above are shown in millions.