

Associate Degree or Equivalent Degree

X-ray Technician
 Medical Records Technician
 Inhalation Therapy Technician
 Dental Laboratory Technician
 Dental Hygienist
 Dental Assistant
 Ophthalmic Assistant
 Occupational Therapy Technician
 Food Service Assistant
 Medical Technologist¹
 Optometric Technologist

In Fiscal Year 1968, \$9,750,000 was awarded to 230 schools for basic improvement grants.

Allied health professions special improvement grants are made available on a project basis from funds remaining after fulfilling the basic improvement entitlements. No funds have as yet been available for funding special improvement grants.

C. Advanced traineeships

In Fiscal Year 1967, with the \$250,000 available for that year, sixty-four advanced traineeships were awarded for support of students being prepared to serve as teachers, administrators, supervisors, and specialists in the eligible allied health professions. In Fiscal Year 1968, \$1,500,000 is available for this program, and 257 traineeships have been awarded this year.

D. Development of new methods

Six grants for development of new methods were funded with the \$200,000 made available in Fiscal Year 1967. These projects are designed to develop, demonstrate or evaluate curriculums for the training of new types of health technologists. In Fiscal Year 1968, \$1,000,000 is available for this program.

IV. ACCOMPLISHMENTS UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH TRAINING PROGRAM (PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT, SECTIONS 306 AND 309)

A. Traineeships for professional public health personnel

Section 306 of the Public Health Service Act authorizes grants for traineeships for support of graduate or specialized training in public health for physicians, engineers, nurses, and other professional health personnel. Federal support for traineeships for professional public health personnel was first authorized by the Congress in 1956. Currently more than 1300 academic traineeships are supported annually.

Since the program was initiated, it has been expanded to provide short-term training to upgrade professional and special skills for 12,000 annual trainees, 60 residencies in preventive medicine and dentistry and 500 medical and dental public health apprenticeships each year. By the end of Fiscal Year 1968, more than 10,000 individuals will have received long-term academic training, 42,000 short-term training, 150 residency awards, and 1500 apprenticeships awards.

The 1967 and 1968 funding level for the public health traineeship program has been \$8,000,000 each year.

B. Project grants for strengthening public health training

Section 309 of the Public Health Service Act authorizes project grants to schools of public health and to other public or nonprofit institutions providing graduate or specialized training in public health for the purpose of strengthening or expanding such public health training. This project grant program, established by the Congress in 1960, was designed to provide special institutional support to schools of public health, nursing, and engineering to initiate, strengthen, and expand specialized public health curriculum offerings at the graduate level. In 1964 the program was broadened to include other institutions offering such training. Since the program was initiated in Fiscal Year 1961, 218 project grant awards have been made. Curriculum areas supported have included preventive medicine, medical care economics and administration, health administration, environmental public health, public health nursing and preventive dentistry. The benefits derived from support of public health curricula through

¹ Regulations are currently being modified to change "Medical Technologist" to "Medical Laboratory Technician" at the associate degree level, in accordance with Section 12(c) of the "Partnership for Health Amendments of 1967" (P.L. 90-174).