

The College of Nursing receives limited student financial aid monies from a HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration) Nurse Faculty Loan Program, to support educational expenses associated with graduate study in nursing. The purpose of the loan program is to encourage nurses to go into nursing education to help relieve the national shortage of nursing faculty.

To be eligible for this program, students must:

- (1) be admitted to one of the graduate programs (MSN, DNP-post BSN, and PhD) at USC-Columbia,
- (2) commit to completing a two-course sequence in nursing education,
- (3) enroll in full time study in the degree program, and
- (4) commit to teaching in a nursing education program for four consecutive years following graduation.

Students who obtain these loans and meet the commitments will be eligible for a waiver of 85% of the loan. The remaining 15% repayment carries a very low interest rate. If, after loans are provided to students, commitments are not met, the waiver would not apply.

### Nurse Faculty Loan Program

The Nurse Faculty Loan Program was created to recruit students enrolled in advanced nursing education programs to teaching positions at nursing schools across the country. Funded by a grant through the Department of Health and Human Services, the Nurse Faculty Loan Program provides loan debt reduction benefits of up to 85% in exchange for fulfilling a four year service requirement as an instructor in a school of nursing. To participate in the program, recipients must be enrolled at least half-time as a degree seeking student in a University of Utah Masters, DNP or PhD program and must commit to serving as faculty at a school of nursing following graduation.

### [Learn More About the Nursing Faculty Shortage](#)

#### Terms and Conditions

##### Eligible Borrowers

- Be a U.S. citizen or national of the U.S.
- Be at least a half-time student in good standing in an advanced nurse education program at the school.
- Have no judgment liens entered against him/her based on the default on a Federal debt, 28 U.S.C. 3201 (e).

##### Interest

The NFLP loan will bear interest on the unpaid balance of the loan at:

- The rate of 3% per annum, beginning 3 months after the borrower ceases to be a full-time student in the advanced nurse education program, or
- The prevailing market rate if the borrower fails to serve as a nurse faculty member.

##### Service Requirement and Cancellation

- The borrower has 12 months after graduating to begin working full-time as a faculty member in a school of nursing. At that time the school will cancel an amount up to 85% of the principle and interest of an NFLP loan as follows:

- Upon completion by the borrower of each of the first, second, and third year of full-time employment as a faculty member in a school of nursing, the school will cancel 20% of the principle of and interest on the NFLP loan, as determined on the first day of employment.
- Upon completion by the borrower of the fourth year of full-time employment as a faculty member in a school of nursing, cancel 25% of the principle of and interest on the NFLP loan, as determined on the first day of employment.
- Payment on the remaining 15 percent of the loan balance is deferred during the cancellation period.

#### Repayment

- The NFLP loan is repayable over a 10-year period beginning 9 months after the borrower completes the advanced nurse education program or ceases to be a full-time student in the program.

#### Borrowing Limits

- Students eligible for the Nurse Faculty Loan Program are awarded funds by the Office of Financial Aid based on the most current cost of attendance figure for that student. Students may receive up to 100% of tuition, fees, books, required conference attendance and/or required computer package costs less any other scholarships or aid receive. The maximum loan available is \$30,000/year for 5 years. ( or up to the amount available in the NFLP fund)

<http://nurseweb.ucsf.edu/www/app-nflp.pdf>

<http://www.campuspartners.com/documents/NurseFacultyLoanFactSheet.pdf>