

Forgivable Education Loans for Service (FELS) Approved Education Programs 2017-18

Allied Health Programs

(All degree levels, unless noted)
 Chiropractic Care (Doctorate only)
 Clinical Laboratory Sciences
 Cytotechnology
 Dental Hygiene
 Emergency Medical Science
 Emergency Medical Technology
 Imaging
 Medical Technology
 Occupational Therapy (Mast. or Doct.)
 Occupational Therapy Assistant
 Optometry (Doctorate only)
 Pharmacy (Doctorate only)
 Pharmacy Technician
 Physical Therapy (Mast. or Doct.)
 Physical Therapy Assistant (Assoc.)
 Physician Assistant (Master's only)

Radiography
 Radiology
 Sonography
 Social Work (Bach. degree or higher)
 Speech-Language Pathology (Mast. or Doct.)

Allied Health - Counseling Programs

(Graduate/Professional only)
 Addiction (Substance Abuse)
 Counseling
 Clinical Mental Health Counseling
 Rehabilitation and Career
 Counseling

Medical Programs

(Doctorate only)
 Dentistry
 Medical Doctor
 Osteopathy
 Podiatry
 Psychology

Nursing Programs

(All degree levels)
 Nurse Educator
 Nurse Practitioner
 Nursing (LPN, ADN, BSN and higher degrees)

Education (Teaching) Programs

(Bachelor's degree or higher)
 Biology
 Chemistry
 Comprehensive Science
 English as a Second
 Language
 Foreign Language
 Math
 Middle Grades
 Physics
 Special Education

Note: *Nursing Administration and Nursing Leadership tracks are not approved education programs for receipt of FELS*

Note: *Nursing certification will no longer be funded for new applicants starting in 2017-18.*

Note: *Undergraduate courses of study in preparation for graduate/professional study (ex. Pre-medicine, pre-pharmacy) are not approved education programs for receipt of FELS.*

The Forgivable Education Loans for Service Program was established by the North Carolina General Assembly to provide assistance to qualified students who are committed to working in North Carolina in designated critical employment shortage professions. Students interested in receiving assistance through the FELS Program should read the loan forgiveness eligibility requirements for the educational programs listed below and the [FELS Program Rules](#) prior to submitting an application. Students who do not fulfill the service requirements must repay the loan in cash, plus interest that begins to accrue upon disbursement of the loan.

Teaching

A borrower must complete his or her Approved Education Program, obtain licensure from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and teach in a Qualified Position in North Carolina. Eligible Qualified Positions include employment in a North Carolina public school or charter school, a school operated by the State of North Carolina, or a school operated by the federal government in North Carolina. Employment as an administrator, substitute teacher, or employment in a nonpublic school, community college, or institution of higher education is not eligible for Loan Forgiveness.

Note: *Teacher certification will no longer be funded for new applicants starting in 2017-18.*

Allied Health

A borrower must complete his or her Approved Education Program, obtain certification or licensure from the applicable licensing board, and work in a Qualified Position in North Carolina. Eligible Qualified Positions include employment in health care delivery positions that provide medical services to North Carolina residents. **Note:** *The following programs will no longer be funded for new applicant starting in 2017-18: College and Career Development Counseling, Couple and Family Counseling, K-12 School Counseling, and General Counseling.*

Nursing

A borrower must complete his or her Approved Education Program, obtain applicable licensure from the North Carolina Board of Nursing, and work in a Qualified Position in North Carolina. Eligible Qualified Positions include employment in health care delivery positions that provide medical services to North Carolina residents. A borrower must practice nursing on his or her Approved Education Program funding level. For example, a borrower funded for an Associate's Degree in Nursing (ADN) on the Registered Nurse's (RN) level must complete the Approved Education Program and work as an RN in order to qualify for loan forgiveness. A borrower funded on the RN level does not qualify for loan forgiveness by working as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). Nurse Educators must teach nursing at a public or nonprofit institution approved by the North Carolina Board of Nursing.

Medicine

A borrower must complete his or her Approved Education Program, obtain licensure from the applicable licensing board, and practice in a Qualified Position in North Carolina. Eligible Qualified Positions include employment in health care delivery positions that provide medical services to North Carolina residents.