

Forgivable Education Loans for Service (FELS) Approved Education Programs 2018-19

Allied Health Programs

(All degree levels, unless noted)

Chiropractic (*Doctorate Only*)
Clinical Laboratory Sciences
Cytotechnology
Dental Hygiene
Emergency Medical Science
Emergency Medical Technology
Imaging / Sonography
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
Physician Assistant (*Masters Only*)
Radiography / Radiology
Social Work (*Mast. or Doct.*)
Speech Language Pathology (*Mast. or Doct.*)

Allied Health – Counseling Programs

(Graduate only)

Addiction (Substance Abuse)
Counseling
Clinical Mental Health Counseling
Rehabilitation and Career
Counseling

Medical Programs

(Doctoral only)

Dentistry
Medical Doctor
Osteopathy
Podiatry
Psychology

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

Nursing Programs

(All degree levels)

Nursing (*LPN, ADN, BSN, or Higher*)
Nurse Educator
Nurse Practitioner

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

Education (Teaching) Programs

(Certificate / Licensure / Bachelor's Degree or Higher)

Biology
Chemistry
Comprehensive Science
English as a second language
Foreign Language
Math
Middle Grades
Physics
Special Education

The Forgivable Education Loans for Service Program was established by the North Carolina General Assembly to assist 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 education programs listed below and the FELS Program Rules prior to submitting an application. Required residency, internship, or supervised training positions prior to obtaining full licensure in a profession do not qualify for loan forgiveness. Example: Licensed Professional Counselor Associate or Licensed Clinical Social Worker Associate positions are not eligible for loan forgiveness. Students who do not fulfill the service requirements must repay the loan in cash, plus interest, which 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.

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.

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.