

FORGIVABLE EDUCATION LOANS FOR SERVICE (FELS) APPROVED EDUCATION PROGRAMS 2012-13

Allied Health Programs

- Chiropractic Care
- Cytotechnology
- Dental Hygiene
- Emergency Medical Science
- Emergency Medical Technology
- Medical Technology
- Occupational Therapy & OT Assistant
- Optometry
- Pharmacy & Pharmacy Technician
- Physical Therapy & PT Assistant
- Physician Assistant
- Radiography
- Radiology & Radiology Technician
- Sonography

Nursing Programs

- Nurse Educator
- Nurse Practitioner
- Nursing

Medical Programs

- Dentistry
- Medical Doctor
- Osteopathy
- Podiatry
- Psychology

Education Programs

- Biology
- Chemistry
- English as a Second Language
- Math
- Middle Grades
- Science
- Special Education

2011-12 TASF recipients
(see Teaching below)

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Teaching

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2011-12 TASF recipients are eligible to apply for a FELS loan to continue in their degree programs for the 2012-13 year and will be eligible for renewal in future years upon meeting the established renewal criteria. After 2012-13, former TASF recipients applying for the first time through FELS must be seeking licensure in approved subject or grade level areas in order to be considered for initial FELS funding. FELS recipients do not have to be employed as teacher assistants; all borrowers must sign a FELS promissory note and meet FELS program requirements.

Allied Health

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Nursing

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FORGIVABLE EDUCATION LOANS FOR SERVICE (FELS) APPROVED EDUCATION PROGRAMS 2013-14

Allied Health Programs

Chiropractic Care
Clinical Laboratory Sciences
Cytotechnology
Dental Hygiene
Emergency Medical Science
Emergency Medical Technology
Imaging
Medical Technology
Occupational Therapy
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Optometry
Pharmacy (PharmD)
Pharmacy Technician
Physical Therapy
Physical Therapy Assistant
Physician Assistant
Radiography
Radiology
Radiology Technician
Sonography
Social Work (BSW, MSW, DSW)
Speech-Language Pathology

Nursing Programs

Nurse Educator
Nurse Practitioner
Nursing

Medical Programs

(Doctorate only)
Dentistry
Medical Doctor
Osteopathy
Podiatry
Psychology

Education Programs

Biology
Chemistry
Comprehensive Science
English as a Second Language
Math
Middle Grades
Physics
Special Education

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FORGIVABLE EDUCATION LOANS FOR SERVICE (FELS)

APPROVED EDUCATION PROGRAMS 2014-15

Allied Health Programs

Chiropractic Care
Cytotechnology
Dental Hygiene
Emergency Medical Science
Emergency Medical Technology
Medical Technology
Occupational Therapy
Occupational Therapy Assistant
Optometry
Pharmacy/Pharmacy Technician
Physical Therapy/PT Assistant
Physician Assistant
Radiography
Radiology/Radiology Technician
Sonography

Nursing Programs

Nurse Educator
Nurse Practitioner
Nursing (LPN does not qualify)

Medical Programs

Dentistry (DDS)
Medical Doctor (MD)
Osteopathy (DO)
Podiatry (DPM)
Psychology (Ph.D/Psy.D)

Education Programs

Biology
Chemistry
Eng. as a 2nd Lang.
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Middle Grades
Science
Special Education

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Forgivable Education Loans for Service (FELS) Approved Education Programs 2015-16

<p>Allied Health Programs (All degree levels, unless noted)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 (Master's or Doct.) Physical Therapy Assistant Physician Assistant (Master's only) Radiography Radiology Sonography Social Work (Bach. degree or higher) Speech-Language Pathology (Bach. degree or higher) 	<p>Allied Health - Counseling Programs (Graduate/Professional only)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addiction (Substance Abuse) Counseling Clinical Mental Health Counseling College Counseling and Career Development Counseling Couple and Family Counseling Rehabilitation and Career Counseling School Counseling <p>Medical Programs (Doctorate only)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dentistry Medical Doctor Osteopathy Podiatry Psychology <p><i>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.</i></p>	<p>Education (Teaching) Programs (Bachelor's degree or higher)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biology Chemistry Comprehensive Science English as a Second Language Foreign Language Math Middle Grades Physics Special Education <p>Nursing Programs (All degree levels)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nurse Educator Nurse Practitioner Nursing
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Medicine

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Forgivable Education Loans for Service (FELS) Approved Education Programs 2016-17

Allied Health Programs

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 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 (Master's or Doct.)
 Physical Therapy Assistant
 Physician Assistant (Master's only)
 Radiography
 Radiology
 Sonography
 Social Work (Bach. degree or higher)
 Speech-Language Pathology (Bach. degree or higher)

Allied Health - Counseling Programs

(Graduate/Professional only)
 Addiction (Substance Abuse)
 Counseling
 Clinical Mental Health Counseling
 College Counseling and Career
 Development
 Counseling
 Couple and Family Counseling
 Rehabilitation and Career
 Counseling
 School Counseling

Medical Programs

(Doctorate only)
 Dentistry
 Medical Doctor
 Osteopathy
 Podiatry
 Psychology

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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

Nursing Programs

(All degree levels)
 Nurse Educator
 Nurse Practitioner
 Nursing

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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.*

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Note: *Teacher certification will no longer be funded for new applicants starting in 2017-18. See <http://www.dpi.state.nc.us/nationalboard/certification/application/>*

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.*

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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

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Medicine

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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 (Masters or Doctorate)
 Occupational Therapy Assistant
 Optometry (Doctorate Only)
 Pharmacy (Doctorate Only)
 Pharmacy Technician
 Physical Therapy (Masters or Doctorate)
 Physical Therapy Assistant
 Physician Assistant (Masters Only)
 Radiography / Radiology
 Social Work (Masters or Doctorate)
 Speech Language Pathology (Masters or Doctorate)

Allied Health – Counseling Programs

(Masters Only)
 Addiction (Substance abuse)
 Counseling
 Clinical Mental Health Counseling
 Rehabilitation and Career Counseling

Medical Programs

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 Dentistry
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 Osteopathy
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Nursing Programs

(All Degree Levels)
 Nursing (LPN, ADN, BSN, or Higher)
 Nurse Educator
 Nurse Practitioner

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Education (Teaching) Programs

(Certificate / Licensure / Bachelor Degree or Higher)
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 Comprehensive Science
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 Math
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 Physics
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Forgivable Education Loans for Service (FELS) Approved Education Programs 2020-2021

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Eligible Education Programs				
	Certificate/Licensure	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctoral
Elementary Birth through Kindergarten	X	X	X	X
Elementary (Grades K-6)	X	X	X	X
Elementary English As A Second Language	X	X	X	X
Elementary Reading (Grades K-6)	X	X	X	X
Elementary Exceptional Children – General Curriculum (Grades K-6)	X	X	X	X
Elementary Exceptional Children – Adaptive Curriculum (Grades K-6)	X	X	X	X
Middle Grades Math	X	X	X	X
Middle Grades Science	X	X	X	X
Middle Grades Foreign Language	X	X	X	X
Middle Grades English As A Second Language	X	X	X	X
Secondary Math	X	X	X	X
Secondary Comprehensive Science	X	X	X	X
Secondary Biology	X	X	X	X
Secondary Physics	X	X	X	X
Secondary Chemistry	X	X	X	X
Secondary Foreign Language	X	X	X	X
Secondary English As A Second Language	X	X	X	X
School Psychologist			X	X
Special Education	X	X	X	X

Allied Health

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Eligible Allied Health Programs				
	Diploma/Associate's	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctoral
Audiology			X	X
Clinical Mental Health Counseling			X	X
Clinical Laboratory Sciences		X	X	
Cytotechnology	X	X		
Dental Hygiene	X	X		
Emergency Medical Science	X	X	X	
Emergency Medical Technology	X	X		
Imaging/Sonography	X	X		
Medical Technology	X	X		
Occupational Therapy			X	X
Occupational Therapy Assistant	X			

Eligible Allied Health Programs, Continued				
	Diploma/Associate's	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctoral
Optometry				X
Pharmacy				X
Pharmacy Technician	X			
Physical Therapy				X
Physical Therapy Assistant	X			
Physician Assistant			X	
Radiography/Radiology	X	X	X	
Rehabilitation and Career Counseling			X	
Respiratory Care Therapy	X	X	X	
Social Work			X	X
Substance Abuse (Addiction) Counseling			X	
Speech Language Pathology			X	X

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Eligible Nursing Programs				
	Diploma/Associate's	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctoral
Clinical Nurse Specialist			X	X
Nursing – LPN	X			
Nursing – ADN	X			
Nursing – BSN		X		
Nursing – RN to BSN		X		
Nursing – RIBN		X		
Nursing – MSN			X	
Nurse Anesthesia			X	X
Nurse Education			X	X
Nurse Practitioner			X	X
Nurse Midwifery			X	

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Eligible Medical Programs	
	Doctoral
Chiropractic	X
Dentistry	X
Medical Doctor	X
Osteopathy	X
Podiatry	X
Psychology	X

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Eligible Education Programs				
	Certificate/Licensure	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctoral
Elementary Birth through Kindergarten	X	X	X	X
Elementary (Grades K-6)	X	X	X	X
Elementary English As A Second Language	X	X	X	X
Elementary Reading (Grades K-6)	X	X	X	X
Elementary Exceptional Children – General Curriculum (Grades K-6)	X	X	X	X
Elementary Exceptional Children – Adaptive Curriculum (Grades K-6)	X	X	X	X
Middle Grades Math	X	X	X	X
Middle Grades Science	X	X	X	X
Middle Grades Foreign Language	X	X	X	X
Middle Grades English As A Second Language	X	X	X	X
Secondary Math	X	X	X	X
Secondary Comprehensive Science	X	X	X	X
Secondary Biology	X	X	X	X
Secondary Physics	X	X	X	X
Secondary Chemistry	X	X	X	X
Secondary Foreign Language	X	X	X	X
Secondary English As A Second Language	X	X	X	X
School Psychologist			X	X
Special Education	X	X	X	X

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Cytotechnology	X	X		
Dental Hygiene	X	X		
Emergency Medical Science	X	X	X	
Emergency Medical Technology	X	X		
Imaging	X	X		
Medical Technology	X	X		
Occupational Therapy			X	X
Occupational Therapy Assistant	X			

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	Diploma/Associate's	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctoral
Optometry				X
Pharmacy				X
Pharmacy Technician	X			
Physical Therapy				X
Physical Therapy Assistant	X			
Physician Assistant			X	
Radiography	X	X	X	
Radiology	X	X	X	
Rehabilitation and Career Counseling			X	
Respiratory Care Therapy	X	X	X	
Social Work			X	X
Sonography	X	X		
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Nursing – MSN			X	
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Marriage & Family Therapy			X	X
Medical Technology	X	X		
Occupational Therapy			X	X
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Nursing – BSN-DNP				X
Nursing – MSN			X	
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