

## **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**

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.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Lang.  
Math  
Middle Grades  
Science  
Special Education

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

<p><b>Allied Health Programs</b> (All degree levels, unless noted)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chiropractic Care (Doctorate only)</li> <li>Clinical Laboratory Sciences</li> <li>Cytotechnology</li> <li>Dental Hygiene</li> <li>Emergency Medical Science</li> <li>Emergency Medical Technology</li> <li>Imaging</li> <li>Medical Technology</li> <li>Occupational Therapy (Mast. or Doct.)</li> <li>Occupational Therapy Assistant</li> <li>Optometry (Doctorate only)</li> <li>Pharmacy (Doctorate only)</li> <li>Pharmacy Technician</li> <li>Physical Therapy (Master's or Doct.)</li> <li>Physical Therapy Assistant</li> <li>Physician Assistant (Master's only)</li> <li>Radiography</li> <li>Radiology</li> <li>Sonography</li> <li>Social Work (Bach. degree or higher)</li> <li>Speech-Language Pathology (Bach. degree or higher)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Allied Health - Counseling Programs</b> (Graduate/Professional only)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Addiction (Substance Abuse)</li> <li>Counseling</li> <li>Clinical Mental Health Counseling</li> <li>College Counseling and Career Development</li> <li>Counseling</li> <li>Couple and Family Counseling</li> <li>Rehabilitation and Career Counseling</li> <li>School Counseling</li> </ul> <p><b>Medical Programs</b> (Doctorate only)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dentistry</li> <li>Medical Doctor</li> <li>Osteopathy</li> <li>Podiatry</li> <li>Psychology</li> </ul> <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><b>Education (Teaching) Programs</b> (Bachelor's degree or higher)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biology</li> <li>Chemistry</li> <li>Comprehensive Science</li> <li>English as a Second Language</li> <li>Foreign Language</li> <li>Math</li> <li>Middle Grades</li> <li>Physics</li> <li>Special Education</li> </ul> <p><b>Nursing Programs</b> (All degree levels)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nurse Educator</li> <li>Nurse Practitioner</li> <li>Nursing</li> </ul>
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## Forgivable Education Loans for Service (FELS) Approved Education Programs 2016-17

### 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 (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

*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.*

### 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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### Medicine

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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.*

**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.*

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### Teaching

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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

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

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*(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

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### **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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Dental Hygiene  
Emergency Medical Science  
Emergency Medical Technology  
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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

*(Doctorate Only)*

Dentistry  
Medical Doctor  
Osteopathy  
Podiatry  
Psychology

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### 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 Degree or Higher)*

Biology  
Chemistry  
Comprehensive Science  
English as a second language  
Foreign Language  
Math  
Middle Grades  
Physics  
Special Education (*Masters or Doctorate*)  
School Psychology

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### **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.



## Forgivable Education Loans for Service (FELS) Approved Education Programs 2020-2021

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.

### Education

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.

<b>Eligible Education Programs</b>				
	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

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.

<b>Eligible Allied Health Programs</b>				
	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			

<b>Eligible Allied Health Programs, Continued</b>				
	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

### **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. Nursing Administration and Nursing Leadership tracks are not approved education programs for receipt of FELS.

<b>Eligible Nursing Programs</b>				
	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	

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

<b>Eligible Medical Programs</b>	
	Doctoral
Chiropractic	X
Dentistry	X
Medical Doctor	X
Osteopathy	X
Podiatry	X
Psychology	X