NURSE FACULTY LOAN PROGRAM
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Nurse Faculty Loan Program

The Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP) was created by the Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration to increase the number of qualified nurse faculty. It is a low-interest Federal loan program for schools of nursing who offer Master of Science in Nursing (MS) and doctoral degrees with specific Nurse Educator tracks. As a recipient of Nurse Faculty loan funds, you may be eligible to have up to 85% of this loan forgiven while serving as a full-time nurse faculty member at an accredited school of nursing.

The Nurse Faculty Loan can offset a portion of tuition, fees, books, lab expenses, and other reasonable education expenses. **You may not exceed $35,500 per academic year or five (5) years of support** and your loan award may vary each year based on the availability of funding from the Federal government. Following graduation and upon full-time employment in a school of nursing, you can cancel up to 20% per year for a maximum of 85% of the total loan (years 1, 2, 3 at 20%; year 4 at 25%) You will be required to sign a promissory note, rights and responsibilities, and a truth-in-lending disclosure (TILA) for each year that you receive a Nurse Faculty Loan.

Eligibility

- You must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident;
- You must not be in default on any Federal student loan debt. To verify default status, Georgetown University requires the completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA);
- You must have completed the first two (2) terms of the MS program;
- If you are not a Nurse Education Program (NEP) student, you must take the four (4) nursing education courses from the Masters in Nursing Education program. This means you may need to take additional courses in your program of study. Please check with your advisor for specific courses and credits.
- You must be enrolled in five (5) or more credits and maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0;
- You must maintain enrollment for a minimum of two (2) consecutive terms/semesters during an academic year while receiving Nurse Faculty Loan support. Although a leave of absence is allowed, it must be in accordance to Georgetown University’s Department of Nursing leave of absence guidelines and documented;
- Students enrolled in a post master’s certificate program are not eligible to participate in the Nurse Faculty Loan Program.

Commitment

- You must make a commitment to stay in the Nurse Faculty Loan program for the duration of your academic program and graduate;
- You are expected to find and obtain full-time employment as a nurse educator in a school/college of nursing within one year of graduation (GU does not offer job placement for nurse educators nor is there are any guarantees you will find full-time employment as a nurse educator);
- You have twelve (12) months from your graduation date to find employment as a full-time nursing faculty and to submit employment verification, or you will not be eligible for the Nurse Faculty Loan cancellation provision.

Interest Rate

Interest on your Nurse Faculty Loan will accrue at the rate of 3% per annum beginning three (3) months after you cease to be a student in the advanced nurse education program at Georgetown University or fall below the

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minimum credit requirement for attendance. Interest will be payable at the end of your nine (9) month grace period. This 3% interest rate is contingent upon your completion of the advanced nurse education program and verification of your employment as a nurse faculty member once you graduate.

You must submit a properly completed form certifying your employment to University Student Loan Services at Georgetown University. If you fail to complete the advanced nurse education program or fail to serve as a full-time nurse faculty member upon graduation, interest on this loan will accrue on the outstanding balance at the prevailing market rate. The prevailing market rate is determined by the Treasury Department and is published quarterly.

Repayment

Repayment of your Nurse Faculty loan is repayable in monthly installments over a 10-year repayment period that begins 9 months after you cease full-time enrollment at Georgetown University in the advanced nurse education program. You have the right to pay more than the amount that is due on your loan. This process will shorten the time that your loan is in repayment and reduce the overall interest that you will pay over the life of the loan.

You may also prepay any amounts without any penalty on all or any part of the principal and accrued interest on the loan at any time.

Default

If you fail to make an installment payment when due or fail to comply with any other term of your promissory note, your loan will be considered in default. Georgetown University has the right to report any delinquency or default to credit bureaus. Georgetown University may also accelerate the loan, which means the entire loan balance will be due and payable immediately and legal action could be taken against you. If you have difficulty making your loan payments, contact University Student Loan Services at Georgetown University.

Deferment

Deferment benefits are available to borrowers for up to three (3) years if you are ordered to active duty as a member of the uniformed service of the US (Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Corps (NOAA), or Public Health Service). Volunteer service is not eligible for this type of deferment.

Deferment benefits are also available for up to three years for the following reasons:

- If you graduate and are employed, and decide to return to a graduate nursing education program to pursue a doctoral degree; or
- If you graduate and participate in a post-doctoral program.

Please note that principal is deferred; however, interest will accrue at the prevailing market rate during all periods of deferment. You are responsible for completing and submitting a properly completed form 30 days before your activity begins.

For information regarding the Nurse Faculty Loan Program:
For Nurse Educator Program questions contact – John Rosselli at 202-687-2690 or rossellj@georgetown.edu
For NFLP questions contact - Dr. Wendy Thomson at 202-687-3261 or wt174@georgetown.edu

For information regarding the disbursement or repayment of the Nurse Faculty Loan:
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