

NHS Bursary reforms - supporting future nurses and midwives



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What is happening?

Previously, tuition fees for nursing & midwifery pre-registration courses were funded by Health Education England, and financial support for living costs came via NHS bursaries.

From 1 August 2017, all new nursing & midwifery students on pre-registration undergraduate and post-graduate courses in England will receive their **tuition funding** and **financial support** through the **standard student support system**.

Changes are relevant to new students commencing their studies in 2017/18 and beyond.

Why is this happening?

- Increasing demands on NHS service
- Existing funding arrangements limit number of nurses being trained each year.
- New system will fund an additional 10,000 places. Nursing is usually the 5th most popular subject on UCAS, but existing place restrictions see 2/3 applications not accepted.
- NHS employers will have a larger pool of highly qualified home-grown staff available
- For some, the current system fails to provide adequate support for living costs - the new loans will ensure that trainees will receive around 25% more funding support at university.

What kind of funding does this affect?

This change affects both living cost support and tuition loans

Remember, most of the important things about studying to become a health professional are staying the same.

As with the current system, **no upfront fees** are required

Funding arrangements for 2017/18

- Student Loans Company will cover the cost of tuition fees
- Students will be eligible means tested support for living costs
- The terms of repayment for the loan will be the same as all other graduates who have taken out a student loan when at university
- Additional support will be available for travel to placements, accommodation (where placements are at a distance) and childcare allowances

Funding arrangements in-depth

Tuition fee loan – £9,250 per year

Means tested loan for living costs

- Students inside London and living away from the parental home: the maximum amount of living cost support per year is £12058 (a 38% increase);
- Students outside of London and living away from the parental home: the maximum amount of living cost support per year is £9256 (a 33% increase);
- Students living in the parental home: the maximum amount of living cost support per year is £7588 (a 35% increase).

Funding arrangements in-depth

Travel costs reimbursement

- £303 non-repayable grant + access to standard higher education support system to pay for essential travel

Additional accommodation reimbursement

- where clinical placement is a long way from usual place of study

Childcare grant

- £1,000 available per year (for parental responsibly for a child under 15 years old)

Exceptional Support Fund

- Income-assessed non-repayable grant of up to £3,000 (for those experience severe financial hardship)

Repayments

- You only start paying back the loans when you earn above £21k, only paying back 9% of any income above £21k
 - For example, newly qualified nurses earning up to £25,00 will pay back their loan at up to £30 per month.
- You pay back the loans gradually from your pay packet – it's done automatically so you don't have to worry about missing repayments.
- If not paid back after 30 years, the balance is written off.

Further information

The Funding Clinic

www.thefundingclinic.org.uk

Department of Health

www.gov.uk (search NHS bursary reform)

Pre-registration programmes at Middlesex

BSc (Hons) Nursing:

- Adult
- Mental Health
- Child Nursing
- European Nursing

BSc (Hons) Midwifery

PGDip Nursing

- Adult
- Mental Health



Qualifications

- Nurses and midwives study a three year degree
- The course is 50% clinical practice and 50% academic study
- On completion you will have a BSc Hons degree.....
AND
- Your registration with your professional body. The Nursing and Midwifery Council

School Successes

Highly employable students



100%

100% graduate employment
across many courses, including
BSc Nursing (Mental Health)

Highly satisfied students



97%

Nursing (Child)
90% satisfaction overall
97% personal development

96%

BSc Nursing (Mental Health)
93% satisfaction overall
96% teaching

What makes a good nurse/midwife?

- The ability to work well under pressure
- Good communication skills
- Academic aptitude
- A professional attitude and responsibility
- Management skills
- The ability to work well and as part of a team
- Understanding, insight and ambition in chosen area



Where do our students work?

- Hospital and community settings
- GP Practices and Health Centres
- A&E
- Medical / Surgical wards
- Theatres / ITU
- Elderly care
- Neonatal units
- Drug and addiction centre
- and many more.....



Selection process

- Need to include a good personal statement on UCAS application. Emphasise potential as a future midwife or nurse.
- Highlight any caring or work experience.
- Short listing: if successfully shortlisted, students will be asked to attend to complete English/Maths tests.
- If successful at the testing stage, students will be asked to attend an interview
- All candidates will be required to complete DBS Occupational Health procedures.

Next Steps

- Consider why you wish to be a nurse or midwife - what do they ACTUALLYdo?
- Investigate specific field of nursing / midwifery
- Entry requirements – check University web sites, attend open days
- NHS Careers Web Site
- Care / voluntary experience?
- Nursing / midwifery journals / web sites



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Thanks for listening
Any questions?