

Financial Support for Nursing and Midwifery students

Nursing and Midwifery students will be able to access the NHS Learning Support Fund (if eligible). This financial support is an extension of the existing NHS Learning Support Fund (NHS LSF) which offers eligible students additional support while studying for their degree.

The new package includes:

- training grant of £5,000 per year (if eligible)
- parental support payment of £2,000 per student per year to help with childcare costs (if eligible)
- specialist subject payment of £1,000 per year for students on degrees that struggle to recruit, including mental health nursing (if eligible)
- help towards additional travel and accommodation costs to clinical placements over your normal daily travel costs (if eligible)
- an exceptional hardship fund of up to £3,000 per student per academic year (if eligible).



Eligibility criteria for the NHS LSF remain the same. For more information visit:
<https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/nhs-learning-support-fund>.

Scholarship for International Nursing & Midwifery Students

The Department of Health Sciences will provide eligible 'International' Midwifery & Nursing students with a £1,000 annual scholarship to help with associated travel costs as they are not eligible for assistance through the NHS Learning Support Fund. As this is a non-competitive scholarship (i.e. do not need to apply), eligible students will be notified during the new semester of their award.

Student loans

In addition to these payments, students can also take out a tuition fee loan and a student loan from the Student Loans Company, even if this is their second degree. Student loans cover tuition fee costs and contribute towards your living expenses. The tuition fee is transferred directly to your university so you won't have to get involved in that process. The student maintenance loan is means tested. This means the amount you can borrow to support your living costs will depend on your individual circumstances (your household income and or whether or not you will live at home while studying. For more information visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/student-loans-company>

Can I get a loan if I already have another degree?

Most students cannot take out a second student loan but the Government has made a special exception for health care students. If you already have a degree you can take out a second loan on the same terms as other students.

What about integrated Masters courses??

There are a few integrated Masters courses in health care subjects. Students on these courses have access to funding for the full four years of the course.

What about MSc in Nursing/Midwifery?

If you already have a degree you may be able to enter nursing, midwifery or allied health professions more quickly through a postgraduate degree route. These degrees, sometimes only two years in length, are normally either Diploma or full Masters programmes. In certain professions these routes are very common.

Postgraduate pre-registration nursing, midwifery and allied health profession students have had access to standard student loans since 2018. Funding arrangements are now in line with undergraduate pre-registration courses, including eligibility for the new student maintenance grant from September 2020.

Students who have already taken out a student loan are still able to access another loan to study these courses. This is not the standard postgraduate student loan but the same loan as that accessed by undergraduate students to cover tuition fees and support living costs.

What if I am already a health care professional?

Students who are already registered in nursing, midwifery, or an allied health profession will not be eligible for support for a second full-time or part-time pre- registration course or a second full-time postgraduate pre-registration course leading to registration in the same profession.

This does not however preclude dual registration, including where this leads to qualification for a profession in a different part of the register. For example, an adult nurse could study to become a mental health nurse.

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