



Graduate Financial Aid Overview



Duke University School of Nursing

How to apply for financial aid

To apply for federal student loans and DUSON need-based scholarship, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) using the IRS Data Retrieval Service to import the most recent tax information. DUSON's school code is **002920**.

The priority deadlines and application links are posted on the DUSON website: <http://nursing.duke.edu> → program (MSN or DNP) → Financial Aid & Scholarships.

FEDERAL LOANS

There are two different federal loans included in the financial aid package for graduate students. Students who complete a [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) may borrow up to **\$20,500** in **Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan** each academic year. There is no credit approval required for this loan. Students may also take out a **Federal Direct Graduate Plus Loan**; however, credit approval is required through the Department of Education. For more information about federal student loans and current interest rates, please visit: <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans/interest-rates>. Students can be fully funded for all educational expenses by federal loans if credit worthy.

DUSON MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship covers approximately 50 percent of required tuition. You must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident to be eligible. Post-graduate certificate students are not eligible. Selection is made through the Admissions process and no separate application is required for scholarship consideration.

DUSON NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

Need-based scholarship funding is included in the financial aid offer for eligible students. Students must submit the FAFSA before beginning the program for funding consideration.

NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP

Newly enrolled Master's students who study Nursing Education and who are faculty at a North Carolina community college are eligible to receive a 15% tuition scholarship from the Duke University School of Nursing. For more information, visit nursing.duke.edu → MSN → Financial Aid & Scholarships.

DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Duke University Scholars Program provides 100% tuition funding to one student from the Duke University School of Nursing, selected through a competitive process. All DUSON students are considered through the Admissions application process, and no separate application is required. One University Scholar is selected each summer from among the new ABSN, MSN and DNP students beginning the prior spring or upcoming fall.

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY SCHOLARSHIP

The School of Nursing supports active duty military students enrolled as a Master's or Doctor of Nursing Practice student through a special scholarship program. For more information and to apply, visit nursing.duke.edu → Academic Programs → Continuing Education & Specialized Programs.

DUKE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Two employee tuition assistance programs are available to eligible students:

Duke RN Tuition Assistance Program (RNTAP) funds a portion of tuition for Duke University Health System registered nurses meeting applicable employment eligibility guidelines. Taxes are withheld from the award, and the net amount is paid to the student account. An employment commitment is required. For more information and to apply, contact the Office of Special Programs in Nursing Administration at 919-668-6194 or email RNprograms@duke.edu.

Duke Employee Tuition Assistance Program (DETAP) provides up to \$5,250 per calendar year in reimbursement of tuition for classes taken at Duke and other higher education institutions located within North Carolina. You must meet minimum employment requirements at Duke University or Duke University Health Systems to participate. Applications must be submitted to Duke Human Resources by the posted deadline for the semester you are requesting reimbursement. For more information and to apply, visit the [Duke Human Resources website](#).

NURSE FACULTY LOAN PROGRAM (NFLP)

Master's in Nursing Education and Post-Master's Doctor of Nursing Practice

Students enrolled in the Master's in Nursing Education or Post-Master's Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program who are US citizens or permanent residents and commit to serving as a full-time faculty at an accredited school of nursing following graduation are eligible to participate. This loan covers tuition and fees, minus any other resources towards tuition, up to a maximum of \$35,500 per academic year. The borrower can receive forgiveness for up to 85% of the total Nurse Faculty Loan with a four-year work commitment. The borrower must secure a full-time faculty position within 12 months of graduation to participate. Post-Master's DNP students must take an additional nine credit hours in education coursework to participate. For more information, visit our [website](#) and search for Nurse Faculty Loan Program. Funding for this program is provided annually from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and is not guaranteed.

VETERANS BENEFITS

Students eligible for Veterans Benefits should send the Certificate of Eligibility (COE) to Duke's Veterans Benefits Coordinator in the Duke University Registrar's office. For detailed instructions, visit the [Duke University Registrar website](#). Begin activating your benefits after you have accepted the offer to attend.

The Duke School of Nursing is a proud participant in the **Yellow Ribbon Program**. Eligible degree-seeking graduate students may receive up to \$5,000 in Yellow Ribbon funding, with a \$5,000 match from the VA. Certificate students are not eligible for Yellow Ribbon.

FEDERAL & STATE FUNDING

Federal HRSA Scholarship and Loan Repayment Programs

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) provides funding to help students offset the cost of their education. The scholarship programs provide tuition, fees and living stipend assistance to students enrolled in a qualified nursing program with a work commitment after graduation. The loan repayment programs provide funding to graduates who are employed full-time at a critical shortage facility and have qualifying educational loans. For more information, visit the [HRSA website](#) or call 1-800-221-9393.

North Carolina Forgivable Education Loans for Service (NC FELS)

The State of North Carolina offers a forgivable loan program for nursing students who have been a resident of North Carolina for 12 months at the time of application. The application typically opens in December with a March 1 deadline. Recipients are selected by lottery. The program provides up to \$7,000 per semester, depending on your program and enrollment status. Funding is available in the fall and spring semesters. Recipients agree to work in North Carolina as a nurse for each year they receive funding to receive loan forgiveness. For more information and to apply, visit the College Foundation of North Carolina website: <https://www.cfnc.org/fels>

OTHER RESOURCES

Outside scholarship listings are available on our website: nursing.duke.edu → Program (MSN or DNP) → Financial Aid & Scholarships.



WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT AFTER ADMITTANCE

Students who have completed all financial aid applications generally receive a financial aid offer within two weeks of receiving the admissions decision. Financial aid offers are emailed to students from: SON_finaid@dm.duke.edu. Merit scholarship decisions are communicated by the Admissions office prior to the deposit deadline.

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION

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