

**Forgivable Education Loans for Service
Annual Report for 2013-2014
State Education Assistance Authority
December 1, 2014**

The North Carolina General Assembly created the Forgivable Education Loans for Service program in 2011 to provide financial assistance in the form of forgivable loans to qualified students who are committed to working in North Carolina to lessen identified critical employment shortages. The legislation merged many older programs into one fund designed to be flexible, so that the State can respond to current as well as future employment shortages in the State. The legislation provided for a phase-out of the older scholarship loan programs administered by the State Education Assistance Authority using the FELS fund.

The annual appropriation for the 2013-14 year was \$16,594,166 and a total of \$16,376,770 was loaned to 2,011 students under the FELS program. In addition, using funds from the FELS revolving loan fund, 683 pre-existing loans were renewed for students who borrowed from programs that are being phased out totaling \$4,009,584.

Table I. 2013-14 Student Count and Funds by Degree

Field and Degree	Students	Amount
Allied Health - Doctoral	396	5,418,000
Allied Health – Master’s	197	1,885,000
Allied Health - Baccalaureate	28	135,000
Allied Health - Associate	34	73,500
Allied Health - Diploma	1	1,500
Medical/Dental - Doctoral	188	2,625,000
Nursing - Associate	108	251,500
Nursing - Baccalaureate	463	2,435,503
Nursing - Master’s	327	2,261,195
Nursing - Doctoral	46	416,322
Nursing - Diploma	2	2,250
Teaching – Master’s	14	82,500
Teaching - Undergraduate	207	789,500
	2,011	16,376,770

TABLE II. 2013-14 Student Count and Funds by Field of Study

Field of Study	Students	Funds
Clinical Laboratory Sciences	3	13,000
Dental Hygiene	5	10,500
Dentistry (DDS)	47	651,000
Dentistry (DMD)	30	420,000
Education	19	66,000
Education - Biology	6	18,500
Education - Chemistry	2	10,000
Education - Comprehensive Science	2	6,000
Education - English as a Second Language	50	201,500
Education - Math	4	18,000
Education - Middle Grades	65	255,000
Education - Science	9	39,000
Education - Special Education	64	258,000
Emergency Medical Science	9	47,000
Emergency Medical Technology	1	7,000
Medical Technology	1	3,000
Nurse Educator	76	503,017
Nurse Practitioner	194	1,357,500
Nursing	676	3,506,253
Occupational Therapy	23	222,500
Occupational Therapy Assistant	11	21,750
Optometry	25	350,000
Pharmacy	163	2,268,000
Pharmacy Technician	1	1,500
Physical Therapy	208	2,800,000
Physical Therapy Assistant	8	18,750
Physician - Medical Doctor (MD)	99	1,386,000
Physician Assistant	155	1,480,000
Physician - Osteopathy (DO)	10	140,000
Podiatry (DPM)	2	28,000
Radiography	3	7,500
Radiology Technician	3	6,750
Social Work	18	105,250
Sonography	5	10,500
Speech-Language Pathology	14	140,000
	2011	\$ 16,376,770