

**Forgivable Education Loans for Service  
Annual Report for 2016-2017  
State Education Assistance Authority  
December 1, 2017**

The North Carolina General Assembly created the Forgivable Education Loans for Service (FELS) 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 annual appropriation for the 2016-17 year was \$16,594,166 and a total of \$21,186,002 was loaned to 2,114 students under the FELS program.

**2016-17 Student Count and Funds by Degree**

<b>Field and Degree</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Allied Health - Doctoral	488	6,692,000
Allied Health – Master’s	374	3,088,750
Allied Health - Baccalaureate	45	222,041
Allied Health - Associate	30	57,000
Allied Health – Diploma	3	4,500
Allied Health-Certificate	3	20,000
Medical/Dental - Doctoral	452	6,307,000
Nursing - Associate	40	66,750
Nursing - Baccalaureate	155	861,486
Nursing - Master’s	193	1,216,250
Nursing - Doctoral	118	1,309,500
Nursing - Post-Baccalaureate Certificate	5	24,500
Teaching – Master’s	27	185,000
Teaching - Undergraduate	173	1,078,725
Teaching-Post Baccalaureate Certificate	8	52,500
	<b>2,114</b>	<b>\$21,186,002</b>

**2016-17 Student Count and Funds by Field of Study**

<b>Field</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Counseling	4	36,000
Counseling-Rehabilitation & Career	1	10,000
Counseling-Substance Abuse	6	52,500
Counseling-Mental Health	40	277,500
Counseling-Couple and Family	3	25,000
Counseling-School	46	357,500
Clinical Laboratory Sciences	4	27,500
Dental Hygiene	4	11,500
Dentistry (DDS)	94	1,316,000
Dentistry (DMD)	154	2,156,000
Education (TASF)	2	5,250
Education-Biology	9	60,750
Education-Comprehensive Science	5	26,000
Education-Math	48	301,475
Education-Middle Grades	60	384,250
Education-Science	7	55,500
Education-Special Education	68	435,500
Education-English As A Second Language	5	32,500
Education-Foreign Language	5	29,000
Emergency Medical Science	9	42,250
Nurse Anesthesia	2	28,000
Nurse Educator	61	371,750
Nurse Practitioner	169	1,316,500
Nursing-Clinical Specialist	6	37,500
Nursing	273	1,724,736
Occupational Therapy	85	678,750
Occupational Therapy Assistant	11	18,750
Optometry	42	588,000
Pharmacy	201	2,800,000
Pharmacy Technician	1	1,500
Physical Therapy	242	3,269,000
Physical Therapy Assistant	8	24,250
Physician-Medical Doctor (MD)	174	2,422,000
Physician-Osteopathy (DO)	29	399,000
Physician Assistant	143	1,222,000
Podiatry (DPM)	1	14,000
Radiology Technician	10	20,750
Social Work	31	218,291
Sonography	5	11,250
Speech-Language Pathology	46	378,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,114</b>	<b>21,186,002</b>