

**Forgivable Education Loans for Service  
Annual Report for 2017-2018  
State Education Assistance Authority  
December 1, 2018**

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 annual appropriation for the 2017-18 year was \$16,594,166 and a total of \$18,374,834 was loaned to 1,851 students under the FELS program.

**2017-18 Student Count and Funds by Degree**

<b>Field and Degree</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Allied Health - Counseling	81	577,000
Allied Health - Doctorate	371	4,956,000
Allied Health - Masters	233	2,042,500
Allied Health (Not Nursing)	69	271,750
Medical - Doctorate	445	6,186,834
Nursing	487	3,340,250
Teaching - Masters	32	210,250
Teaching (Education)	133	790,250
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,851</b>	<b>\$18,374,834</b>

**2017-18 Student Count and Funds by Field of Study**

<b>Field</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Allied Health-Chiropractic Care	2	28,000
Allied Health-Clinical Laboratory Sciences	5	32,500
Allied Health-Dental Hygiene	5	9,750
Allied Health-Emergency Medical Science	7	40,000
Allied Health-Imaging	3	17,000
Allied Health-Medical Technology	2	6,500
Allied Health-Occupational Therapy	52	402,500
Allied Health-Occupational Therapy Assistant	10	18,000
Allied Health-Optometry	45	630,000
Allied Health-Pharmacy	149	2,072,000
Allied Health-Pharmacy Technician	1	1,500
Allied Health-Physical Therapy	176	2,240,000
Allied Health-Physical Therapy Assistant	4	12,000
Allied Health-Physician Assistant	107	937,500
Allied Health-Radiography	7	12,750
Allied Health-Radiology Technician	4	8,250
Allied Health-Social Work	40	352,500
Allied Health-Sonography	6	6,000
Allied Health-Speech-Language Pathology	47	438,500
Allied Health-Counseling-Addiction (Substance Abuse) Counseling	1	7,500
Allied Health-Counseling-Clinical Mental Health Counseling	53	360,000
Allied Health-Counseling-Counseling	1	10,500
Allied Health-Counseling-Couple and Family Counseling	1	5,000
Allied Health-Counseling-Rehabilitation and Career Counseling	4	44,000
Allied Health-Counseling-School Counseling	22	155,000
Medical-Dentistry (DDS)	116	1,610,000
Medical-Dentistry (DMD)	142	1,983,334
Medical-Medical Doctor (MD)	163	2,257,500
Medical-Osteopathy (DO)	22	308,000
Medical-Podiatry (DPM)	1	14,000
Medical-Psychology (PhD)	1	14,000
Nursing-Clinical Nurse Specialist	10	50,750
Nursing-Nurse	183	688,500
Nursing-Nurse Anesthesia	56	684,000
Nursing-Nurse Education	84	508,000
Nursing-Nurse Practitioner	131	1,164,500
Nursing-Other Nursing Field	23	244,500
Teaching-Biology	7	48,500
Teaching-Comprehensive Science	1	6,000
Teaching-English as a Second Language	1	5,000
Teaching-Foreign Language	6	42,000
Teaching-Math	33	187,000
Teaching-Middle Grades	46	296,250
Teaching-Science	13	82,500
Teaching-Special Education	58	333,250
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,851</b>	<b>\$ 18,374,834</b>