

NC Forgivable Loans for Service 2022-2023 Annual Report to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee December 1, 2023

The North Carolina General Assembly created the Forgivable Education Loans for Service (FELS) program ([G.S. 116-209.45, et. seq.](#)) in 2011 to provide financial assistance in the form of forgivable loans to qualified students who are committed to working in North Carolina in order to respond to critical employment shortages.

Funding and Loans

The annual appropriation for the 2022-23 year was \$16,594,166. A total of \$21,886,859 was loaned to 2,194 students under the FELS program. Most borrowers repay their forgivable loan in service to North Carolina. However, some do not. New loans are funded by the annual appropriation plus receipts from borrowers who are repaying in cash.

2022-23 Student Count and Funds by Category

| Field | Students | Amount |
|---------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Allied Health | 844 | \$9,292,250 |
| Medical | 404 | \$5,558,000 |
| Nursing | 809 | \$6,080,119 |
| Education | 137 | \$956,490 |
| Total | 2,194 | \$21,886,859 |

2022-23 Student Count and Funds by Field of Study

| Field | Students | Amount |
|--|----------|-------------|
| Allied Health-Addiction (Substance Abuse) Counseling | 4 | \$32,500 |
| Allied Health-Audiology | 8 | \$112,000 |
| Allied Health-Clinical Laboratory Sciences | 5 | \$29,000 |
| Allied Health-Dental Hygiene | 5 | \$14,000 |
| Allied Health-Emergency Medical Science | 3 | \$20,500 |
| Allied Health-Imaging | 1 | \$3,500 |
| Allied Health-Occupational Therapy | 129 | \$1,388,500 |
| Allied Health-Occupational Therapy Assistant | 6 | \$10,500 |
| Allied Health-Optometry | 56 | \$777,000 |
| Allied Health-Pharmacy | 113 | \$1,557,500 |
| Allied Health-Physical Therapy | 178 | \$2,359,000 |
| Allied Health-Physical Therapy Assistant | 3 | \$8,250 |

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| Field | Students | Amount |
|--|-------------|---------------------|
| Allied Health-Physician Assistant | 169 | \$1,572,500 |
| Allied Health-Radiology | 8 | \$38,250 |
| Allied Health-Respiratory Care Therapy | 1 | \$2,250 |
| Allied Health-Social Work | 40 | \$363,000 |
| Allied Health-Speech-Language Pathology | 42 | \$417,500 |
| Allied Health-Clinical Mental Health Counseling | 71 | \$571,500 |
| Allied Health-Rehabilitation and Career Counseling | 2 | \$15,000 |
| Education (Teaching)-Elementary (Grades K-6) | 54 | \$315,367 |
| Education (Teaching)-Elementary Birth through Kindergarten | 6 | \$36,750 |
| Education (Teaching)-Elementary English as a Second Language | 2 | \$17,500 |
| Education (Teaching)-Elementary Exceptional Children Adaptive Curriculum | 1 | \$7,000 |
| Education (Teaching)-Middle Grades English as a Second Language | 2 | \$8,500 |
| Education (Teaching)-Middle Grades-Math | 4 | \$21,500 |
| Education (Teaching)-Secondary Comprehensive Science | 2 | \$24,500 |
| Education (Teaching)-Secondary Math | 6 | \$48,000 |
| Education (Teaching)-Special Education | 22 | \$125,873 |
| Education (Teaching)-School Psychology | 38 | \$351,500 |
| Medical-Chiropractic Care | 13 | \$175,000 |
| Medical-Dentistry (DDS) | 90 | \$1,246,000 |
| Medical-Dentistry (DMD) | 105 | \$1,442,000 |
| Medical-Medical Doctor (MD) | 176 | \$2,429,000 |
| Medical-Osteopathy (DO) | 15 | \$203,000 |
| Medical-Psychology (PhD) | 5 | \$63,000 |
| Nursing-Clinical Nurse Specialist | 3 | \$12,500 |
| Nursing-Nurse | 498 | \$2,644,653 |
| Nursing-Nurse Anesthesia | 113 | \$1,519,158 |
| Nursing-Nurse Education | 28 | \$221,000 |
| Nursing-Nurse Practitioner | 163 | \$1,667,808 |
| Nursing-Nurse Midwifery | 4 | \$15,000 |
| Total | 2194 | \$21,886,859 |