

Clarion University/Edinboro University
Master of Science in Nursing Program
Financial Aid Information

It is our hope that no one is denied the opportunity for preparation as a nurse practitioner due to financial need. In order to help you take advantage of available financial assistance, we are enclosing this additional information about aid specifically for nurse practitioner students. They are listed below.

Federal Traineeships: The Health Research and Services Administration (HRSA) makes available federal traineeship funds to programs preparing advanced practice nurses. Both nurse practitioner and nurse educator students are eligible to receive funds. Full-time students may receive traineeships during both years of their programs; part-time students are eligible to receive funds during the last 12 months of their programs. The amount of funding varies from year to year according to funds received from HRSA and the number of eligible students..

Primary Health Care Practitioners Loan Repayment Program (LRP): This program is administered through the Pennsylvania Department of Health and provides for repayment of loans incurred by nurse practitioner students during the course of their educations if they are employed continuously in a full-time primary care practice at an approved location. These locations must be in medically underserved regions of the state.

National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Scholarships: The NHSC Scholarship Program is a competitive federal program which awards scholarships to students pursuing primary care health professions training. The scholarship consists of payment of tuition, fees, other reasonable educational costs and a monthly support stipend. In return, the students agree to provide one year of service in the Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) to which they are assigned for each year or partial year of scholarship support received. There is a minimum two-year service commitment and a maximum four-year commitment. Additional information and applications are available from the nursing offices at Clarion–Pittsburgh, Clarion–Venango and Edinboro University or by calling the NHSC Scholarship Program at 1-800-638-0824.

Disadvantaged Student Scholarships: Clarion University of Pennsylvania has received Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students Grants in the past and it is anticipated that we will continue to have funds available on the basis of this program. This is a federal program funded through the United States Public Health Service and awards are based on need. Taken into consideration in determining need are factors such as place of residence, age, current employment status, and length of time between completing the BSN and beginning MSN education. Students must have a Financial Aid Form on file at Clarion University. Further information can be obtained from the Office of Financial Aid at Clarion University (814-393-2315).

Private Scholarships: There are a number of small scholarships available through Clarion and Edinboro Universities. Often these are very specific such as for those graduating from a certain high school or being an alumnus of a specific university's BSN program. In order to find out more about such scholarships contact the Financial Aid Offices directly. At Clarion University the phone number is 814-393-2315; at Edinboro University the number is 814-732-5555, ext. 474.