

Funding for students on NHS funded courses

**BSc Midwifery; BSc Nursing; Master of Nursing Science;
Master of Nutrition (Dietetics); BSc Physiotherapy**

New UG home students entering from September 2016

If you require this document in an alternative format, please contact Financial Support:

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Please note, the information on this sheet is only relevant to students with "home status" and who usually live in England. Other UK and international students should check with the NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) for details of eligibility – see useful contacts.

Tuition fees

The NHS will pay your tuition fees if you fulfil the criteria for a "home" student, and usually live in England.

Living costs

1. NHS Grants and Bursaries

You will be eligible to apply for a grant of £1,000 that is not income assessed.

In addition, you may be eligible for an income assessed bursary of up to £4,491 (for a 52 week course). Depending on your circumstances the income of your parents or partner may be taken into account in assessing your eligibility for this bursary. For further information visit www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/students and use the online calculator to determine how much bursary you may receive.

Support for placement costs – the NHS provide help with the cost of travel to placements but only where the cost is more than the usual cost of travel to University. Students must be entitled to at least the £1,000 grant to be eligible.

Additional Allowances

- **Dependants Allowance** – Students with dependants (both children and adult) may be eligible for a means tested allowance of £2,448 for their first dependant and an additional £549 for any other children.
- **Childcare Allowance** – This means-tested allowance is available to students with dependent children aged 15 or under (or 17 and under for children with special educational needs) on the first day of the academic year. This allowance pays up to 85% of actual childcare costs up to a maximum of £128.78 per week for one child and £191.45 per week for two or more children.
- **Parents Learning Allowance** – A means tested allowance, of up to £1,304.
- **Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA)** – Home students who have a disability may be eligible to receive funding to help with extra costs incurred while attending their course which are a result of their disability. Advice is available from the University's Disability Support team - see University contacts.

2. Student Loan

Nursing degree students can also apply for a Reduced Rate Student Loan from Student Finance England (SFE). This is non-means tested but will need to be repaid once you have left University and are earning over £21,000 a year. In 2016/17 a student loan of up to £2,324 is available to eligible nursing students. (£1,744 is available if you live with your parents during term time.)

Please note the loan is reduced in the final year of your course.

Package of support for courses 30 weeks long

(Master of Nursing Science; Master of Nutrition (Dietetics); BSc Physiotherapy)

If you are studying and living:	Non means-tested grant	Means-tested bursary (maximum)	Non means-tested student loan	Total (maximum)
in England (outside London) in student/rented accommodation or your own home	£1,000	£2,643	£2,324	£5,967
in England and living with your parents	£1,000	£2,207	£1,744	£4,951

Package of support for courses over 45 weeks long

(BSc Nursing; BSc Midwifery)

If you are studying and living:	Non means-tested grant	Means-tested bursary (maximum)	Non means-tested student loan	Total (maximum)
in England (outside London) in student/rented accommodation or your own home	£1,000	£4,491	£2,324	£7,815
in England and living with your parents	£1,000	£3,439	£1,744	£6,183

Applying for your NHS bursary

Once the University has offered you a training place (either conditionally or unconditionally), you can apply for your NHS Bursary and Grant online via 'BOSS' (Bursary Online Support System). Go to www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/Students/4002.aspx for further information and to apply.

Applying for your student loan

You can apply for your student loan from SFE either before or after you apply for your NHS bursary. Go to www.gov.uk/studentfinance to apply online.



Council tax – Full-time students are exempt from council tax. Students should inform their local council of their student status. Where this leaves one eligible person in a household a 25% discount may be claimed.

Tax credits and benefits – Please contact the Student Advice Centre for more details on benefits and your entitlement.

- **Child tax credits (CTC)/Universal Credit (UC)** – Students with children under 16 (or under 18 in certain circumstances) can continue to claim CTC/UC. We advise you to inform the Inland Revenue you are going into full-time education.
- **Lone parents, disabled students, student couples with children** – The Department for Work and Pensions will expect you to apply for all the student support you are entitled to before assessing entitlement to benefits.

Financial difficulties?

It is expected that the statutory student funding package, along with help from family, work and/or savings, should be sufficient to cover your essential living costs and that prior to commencing your studies you will have carefully considered how you would cover your essential living costs during your time at University. However, we do understand that sometimes things happen unexpectedly that impact on your financial situation; for example unplanned essential costs or an unforeseen change in circumstances.

If this happens the Financial Support Team may be able to help. We offer support and advice to students, can make referrals to other support services and can advise on the availability of support/hardship funds. (for full contact details see Useful Contacts)



Useful contacts

National contacts

NHS Business Services Authority

Advice on all elements of finance for NHS funded study.

t: +44 (0)300 330 1342

w: www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/students

Gov.UK

Advice and information on all aspects of student finance including eligibility, entitlements and how to apply for the Student Loan via Student Finance England.

w: www.gov.uk/studentfinance

Student Loans Company

Information relating to Student Loans.

w: www.slc.co.uk

Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC)

Information on tax credits eligibility and application procedures.

w: www.hmrc.gov.uk

National Union of Students (NUS)

Advice and guidance on all aspects of student life.

w: www.nus.org.uk

University contacts

School of Nursing, Midwifery and Physiotherapy

The University of Nottingham, B Floor, Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham, NG7 2HA

e: nursing-enquiries@nottingham.ac.uk

w: www.nottingham.ac.uk/nursing

School of Biosciences (for Dietetics)

The University of Nottingham, Sutton Bonington Campus, Loughborough, LE12 5RD

e: biosciences-enquiries@nottingham.ac.uk

w: www.nottingham.ac.uk/biosciences

Financial Support, Student Services Centre

Advice on all aspects of student finance including Student Loans, Government grants, University scholarships, bursaries and support funds.

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e: financialsupport@nottingham.ac.uk

w: www.nottingham.ac.uk/financialsupport

Academic Support and Disability Support, Student Services Centre

Study support, support for students with dyslexia, dyspraxia and other specific learning difficulties and disabilities.

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e: dyslexia-support@nottingham.ac.uk or

disability-support@nottingham.ac.uk

w: www.nottingham.ac.uk/studentsservices

The University of Nottingham Students' Union Student Advice Centre

A confidential service available to all University of Nottingham students, giving advice and information on a range of matters, such as housing, money and academic issues.

t: +44 (0)115 846 8730

e: SUAdvice@nottingham.ac.uk

w: www.su.nottingham.ac.uk/helpadvice

All information was correct at the time of writing and is based on data from Gov.UK, The University of Nottingham, the NHSBSA and the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills.

We make every effort to ensure the accuracy of the information we provide however it can only give general guidance. We would always advise you to contact the relevant funding bodies referenced in relation to your specific circumstances.