

Meet Katrina Nardini. . .

Katrina Nardini is a graduate student at the University of California- San Francisco and a recipient of funding from the Nursing Student Loan (NSL) and the Advanced Education Nursing (AEN) Traineeship. By receiving this significant financial aid, she was able to focus on her studies and spend time volunteering with a domestic violence shelter and a complimentary clinic that cares for underserved women fighting cancer. With her attention on her clinical and academic practice, she has been able to maintain a 3.98 grade point average. Additionally, she has less stress than she would have had she needed to work full-time to support herself through school.



“I would not have the ability to contribute to my community through volunteer service if I was not receiving additional financial support.”

About the Programs

- The Title VIII Nursing Education grants provide a federal focus to the supply and distribution of qualified nurses.
- The Title VIII AEN Traineeships assist graduate students by providing full or partial support for the costs of tuition, books, program fees, and reasonable living expenses. These grants help fund the education of future nurse practitioners and nurse faculty.
- The Title VIII Nursing Student Loan (NSL) Program was established in 1964 to address nursing workforce shortages. The loans are granted with a preference for those in financial need. The revolving fund provides each accepted nursing student, undergraduate or graduate, a maximum of \$13,000 at 5% interest, with a repayment period of ten years.
- The NSL program has not received additional appropriations since 1983.

The Effect of Funding Cuts. . .

- Our country is facing a critical shortage of nurses. It is expected that in the coming years more than a million new nurses will be needed to fill vacant and emerging positions.
- Without adequate Title VIII funding for AEN Traineeships, nurses pursuing the advanced education necessary to become faculty or primary care providers will face greater barriers in completing their degrees on time.
- Without Title VIII funding for the NSL program, low income students interested in pursuing a career in nursing will face greater barriers in accessing education. With appropriations updated for the new millennium, this program could serve an even greater number of students.



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