Katrina Nardini received her Masters of Science in Nursing (MSN) and Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM) degrees at the University of California, San Francisco. A recipient of financial aid funding from the Nursing Student Loan (NSL) and the Advanced Education Nursing (AEN) Traineeship, 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. The financial aid allowed her to focus on her clinical and academic practice, and she was able to maintain a 3.98 grade point average and afforded her less stress than she would have had she needed to work full-time to support herself through school. Katrina is currently a Certified Nurse Midwife in practicing in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

“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 Workforce Development programs 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 who provide primary care to thousands of Americans, and also support the education of future nurse faculty who will prepare the next generation of nurses.

- The NURSE Corps Loan Repayment program repays up to 85% of nursing student loans in return for at least three years of practice in a designated health care facility with a shortage of Registered Nurses (RNs).

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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