

Meet Suzanne Foley...

Suzanne Foley is a PhD student at Villanova University in Villanova, Pennsylvania. Without funding from the Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP), Suzanne would have needed to work while pursuing her degree. Fortunately for her, with the funding she received from NFLP, she has been able to pursue her education full time, cutting down on the amount of years it will take her to reach her ultimate goal of contributing to the field of nursing as a professor. In addition to not being able to devote herself full time to her education without this funding, Suzanne would likely not have been able to afford to attain the advanced level of education required to become nurse faculty without the federal funding provided to her through the NFLP.



“I shudder to think how our healthcare system will operate in the future if the projected nursing and nurse faculty shortage is not rectified.”

About the Program

- The Title VIII Nursing Education grants provide a federal focus to the supply and distribution of qualified nurses.
- The Title VIII Nurse Faculty Loan Program increases the number of qualified nursing faculty by creating a student loan fund within individual schools of nursing.
- Students who receive the funding must agree to teach at a school of nursing in exchange for cancellation of up to 85% of their educational loans, plus interest, over a four-year period.
- The NFLP is awarded to full-time students to ensure that they finish their education without delay. Once they complete their advanced degree they are able to teach the next generation of nurses, which in turn alleviates the nursing shortage.

The Effect of Funding Cuts. . .

- Our country is facing a critical shortage of nurse faculty which inhibits the ability to educate more nurses.
- According to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing’s (AACN) 2007-2008 annual survey, schools of nursing turned away 40,285 qualified applicants to baccalaureate and graduate programs primarily due to insufficient numbers of faculty. It is imperative that nurses pursuing their graduate degrees be supported so that the crippling national nursing shortage can be reversed.
- Without adequate Title VIII funding for the NFLP, nurses pursuing the advanced education necessary to become professors will face greater barriers in completing their degrees on time. Cutting funding for the NFLP would unfortunately result in fewer nurse faculty entering the already sparse workforce.



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