

Meet Brandy Mitchell. . .

Brandy Mitchell is a graduate student at the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington. Her dream is to become an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN). Brandy is also the mother to two small children. She is thankful for the Advanced Education in Nursing (AEN) Traineeship, which has helped her immeasurably. As a full time student and mom, Brandy has taken advantage of the grant funds to help her cover not only tuition, but also books, fees, and some living expenses—a sum which totals far more than she can obtain loans to cover.



“My loans for this degree will leave me over \$90,000 in debt, in addition to the undergraduate RN loans I am still paying off. The AEN Traineeship is a small fraction of the overall cost to obtain my degree, but it has certainly made a difference in our lives.”

About the Program

- 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 who provide primary care to thousands of Americans.
- These grants also support the education of future nurse faculty who will prepare the next generation of nurses.
- In FY 2008, the funding supported the graduate education of 7,650 nurses.

The Effect of Funding Cuts. . .

- Our country is facing a critical shortage of primary care providers, such as Nurse Practitioners (NP), which impacts the access, cost, and quality of health care for all Americans. It is imperative that nurses pursuing their graduate degrees be supported so that the crippling national shortage can be reversed.
- Failing to provide adequate Title VIII funding for the AEN Traineeships would impede future NPs from completing their advanced education on time, and diminish their ability to meet America’s growing demand for essential health care.
- Additionally, failing to provide funding for the AEN Traineeships limits the ability to prepare the next generation of nurse faculty, and in turn, the ability to educate the next generation of nurses and NPs.



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