

Meet James Hansen. . .

James Hansen is a graduate student at the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyoming. In order to support his young family, James needed to work full time. Unfortunately, that did not leave him with any additional money to pursue all of his dreams in his nursing career. The Advanced Education Nursing (AEN) Traineeship he received has allowed him finance his education without incurring additional student loan debt. Jim still works full-time while going to school in order to support his family, but the AEN Traineeship means less financial strain for them.



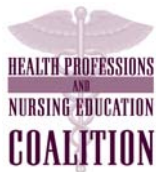
“Because money is so tight (supporting a family as well as paying for graduate school), this financial aid has been invaluable in helping me...Thank you.”

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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