Meet Abraham Brody, PhD, NP...

Because of the Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP) and Advanced Education Nursing (AEN) Traineeship, Abraham Brody was able to finish his PhD at University of California, San Francisco in just four years. The Title VIII funds allowed him to work less and continue to successfully study and take classes.

Abraham is now part of the solution to the nursing and nurse faculty shortages. As an associate professor at the New York University, he is using his knowledge to teach the next generation of nursing students.

"Without these awards I would have had to work more hours, devote less time to studying, and thus take longer to graduate."

About the Programs

- The Title VIII Nursing Education grants provide a federal focus to the supply and distribution of qualified nurses.
- The Title VIII Nursing Workforce Development programs provide a federal focus to the supply and distribution of qualified registered nurses.
- 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. In FY 2011, the NFLP supported the education of 2,246 future nurse educators.
- 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.
- In FY 2011, AEN funding supported the graduate education of 12,466 nurses.

The Effect of Funding Cuts...

- Our country is facing a critical shortage of nurse faculty which inhibits the ability to educate more nurses. 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 these programs, nurses pursuing the advanced education necessary to become professors and primary care providers will face greater barriers in completing their degrees on time.
- Cutting funding for the NFLP would unfortunately result in fewer nursing professors entering the already sparse workforce.
- Reducing funding for the AEN Traineeships would diminish the ability of nurses to meet America’s needs for primary care providers.