

Comparison of Nursing Education Programs

Nurse Educator Loan Repayment Program (part of Nurse Educator Assistance Act, signed into law July 11, 2006) - ISAC Program

<i>Who Qualifies:</i>	Nurse educator with student loan debt
<i>Purpose:</i>	Pay off or pay down existing student loan debt to address shortage of nurses and lack of nursing instructors
<i>How much/how long:</i>	\$5,000 per year for no more than four years
<i>Program Requirements:</i>	Recipients must have worked as a licensed nurse educator instructing practical or professional nurses in an approved Illinois institution for at least the past 12 consecutive months prior to date of application.
<i>Application Deadline:</i>	None
<i>More Information:</i>	Nurse Educator Loan Repayment Program

Veterans' Home Nurse Loan Repayment Program ISAC Program

<i>Who Qualifies:</i>	Illinois veterans' home nurse with student loan debt
<i>Purpose:</i>	Pay off or pay down existing student loan debt as incentive for nurses to pursue and continue careers at Illinois veterans' homes
<i>How much/how long:</i>	\$5,000 per year for no more than four years
<i>Program Requirements:</i>	Recipients must be working or expect to work for at least 12 consecutive months as a registered professional or licensed practical nurse, having completed the employment probationary period, at an approved State of Illinois veterans' home.
<i>Application Deadline:</i>	None
<i>More Information:</i>	Veterans' Home Nurse Loan Repayment Program

Nurse Educator Fellowship Program (part of Nurse Educator Assistance Act, signed into law July 11, 2006) - Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) Program

<i>Who Qualifies:</i>	Illinois residents with master's degrees in nursing employed in full-time nursing faculty positions by nominating institutions for at least 12 months, having made significant contributions to the nursing program
<i>Purpose:</i>	Ensure retention of well-qualified nursing faculty at institutions that award nursing degrees.
<i>How much/how long:</i>	\$10,000 salary supplement which can also be used for professional development and continuing education expenses. Recipients must not have received a Nurse Educator Fellowship award in the previous two years.
<i>Program Requirements:</i>	Fellows must agree to be actively involved in statewide nursing advocacy, collaborate with IBHE and the Illinois Center for Nursing, assist with review of subsequent nomination materials, participate in Fellowship meetings and conferences and provide report of Fellowship experiences and use of funds.
<i>Application Deadline:</i>	September 30th preceding academic year
<i>More Information:</i>	ibhe.state.il.us

**Nursing Education Scholarship Program
Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) Program**

- Who Qualifies:* Illinois nursing students with financial need pursuing associate's degree or hospital-based diplomas in nursing (30% of applicants) or baccalaureate degrees in nursing (40% of applicants), graduate degrees in nursing (20% of applicants) or certificates in practical nursing (10% of applicants)
- Purpose:* Increase the number of nurses available for employment in Illinois
- How much/how long:* Amount and duration of scholarships vary depending on program of study; typically pays tuition and fee expenses and a stipend
- Program Requirements:* Recipients must agree to work in Illinois providing direct patient care as a registered professional nurse or licensed practical nurse or as a nurse educator, for at least 12 months for each academic year the scholarship was received. If the employment obligation is not fulfilled, the scholarship converts to a repayable loan
- Application Deadline:* May 31st preceding academic year
- More Information:* idph.state.il.us